

# Following Jesus - The Life of a Disciple - Part 24

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## Lesson 24 Jesus' Brothers and the Conflict at the Feast of Tabernacles

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#### Background:

In this lesson we read about Jesus going up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. This was the seventh and last feast that the Jewish people were instructed to celebrate. The feast was a way of reminding the Jews that they had been rescued out of Egypt. Many scholars believe that it is symbolic of the Second Coming of Christ, which is still in the future..

#### Scripture Passage

Read: [John 7:1-36](#)

Observation Question: What does Jesus say He is going to build?

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#### Quote:

"Jesus understood his mission. He was not driven by the needs of others, though he often stopped to help hurting people. He was not driven by the approval of others, though he cared deeply for the lost and the broken. Ultimately, Jesus was driven by the Spirit. He was driven by his God-given mission. He knew his priorities and did not let the many temptations of a busy life deter him from his task." [Kevin De Young](#)

#### Question:

Why do you think Jesus was "not driven by the needs of others." Why did Jesus follow "his priorities."

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#### Scripture Passage:

Now answer the questions based on [John 7:1-36](#).

#### Jesus Goes to the Feast of Tabernacles

1. Why did Jesus not want to go to Judea? Where was He spending His time?

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2. What did Jesus' brothers want Him to do? Why did they want Him to do this? What did Jesus decide to do?

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3. Did Jesus go to the Feast of Tabernacles? When and how?:

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4. Which of the following statements are true?

- A. The Jewish leaders were looking for Jesus.
  - B. The Jewish leaders were not looking for Jesus..
  - C. Some people believed Jesus was a good man..
  - D. Some people did not believe Jesus was a good man..
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5. If someone told you that they believed Jesus was a "good man" but not God, what would you say? How would you describe Jesus?

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## Jesus Teaching at the Temple

6. What did Jesus do when He arrived at the temple? What did people think about Jesus' teaching?

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7. Jesus had not studied formally with the Jewish rabbis. Where did Jesus get His teaching from?

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8. The religious leaders studied the law of Moses, but Jesus said, "not one of you keeps the law." What do you think about religious leaders today?

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9. The people wondered where Jesus was from. Some thought that Jesus could not be the Messiah, because they knew where He was from. How did Jesus answer? Did Jesus really believe He was the Messiah, sent from God?

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10. In verse 30, what did the people try to do? Why couldn't they do it? Did any people in the crowd believe in Jesus?

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11. In verse 33 Jesus said that He was "going to the one who sent me." Who did Jesus mean? Who sent Jesus? Where was Jesus going? (compare John 14:1-4)

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12. Why do you think that the Jewish leaders were so angry with Jesus? Why did they not believe that He was the Messiah? Why do people not believe in Jesus today? If you are a follower, why did you decide to follow Jesus?

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## **Discuss:**

Is it possible to teach the Bible without any formal training?

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**Suggested Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the marvelous truth that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. We thank you that Jesus performed miracles and taught the people so well. We want to learn from Jesus and follow Him faithfully.*

## **For Further Reading:**

[What is the Feast of Tabernacles?](#)

[Jesus and the Feast of the Tabernacles: The Bible and Fulfilment](#)

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