



The True Tabernacle
15th in the “Life in his Name” Series
John 7:1-13, p. 892
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Introduction

In this passage God presents Jesus as the true Tabernacle, the source of our hope and the family of God.

The Text: John 7:1-13

- 1) Scripture shows us how it should be read, especially that Jesus fulfills all the *people, places, and promises* of the Old Testament (vv. 1-2).
- 2) Jesus is the True Tabernacle, the one who redeems us and establishes God’s presence (vv. 3-10).
- 3) This text challenges us to understand who Jesus truly is, why we seek him, and how we relate to him (vv. 11-13).

Response

Jesus is the True Tabernacle, the fulfillment of the world’s hopes and joys, and the source of the family of God.

Sunday Text Questions for John 7:1-13

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- 1) Starter Question: How is the church a family?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why were the Jews (the religious leaders) seeking to kill Jesus (v. 1)?
- 4) What historical details regarding the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles are important to understand for this text to be interpreted correctly?
- 5) What are the brothers of Jesus intending in vv. 3-4, and how does the narrator's comment in v. 5 help reveal their intentions?
- 6) What is Jesus revealing about his mission in his response to his brothers in vv. 6-7?
- 7) Since Jesus cannot lie, how can we explain the apparent contradiction between v. 8 and v. 10 regarding Jesus' claim that he was not going to "this feast" (v. 8) and yet he goes after a short time (v. 10)?
- 8) Read Matthew 12:46-50. How can Jesus say Christians are part of the same family, and what might a health balance between our earthly (biological) family and spiritual (church) family look like?
- 9) Vv. 11-13 reveal that the people had very different opinions and responses to Jesus. What are the opinions and responses to Jesus by the people in our community today?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

Further study this week: Exodus 25 on the first Tabernacle (Mon); Hebrews 7 on Jesus' better priesthood (Tues); Hebrews 8 on Jesus' better covenant (Wed); Hebrews 9 on Jesus' better Tabernacle (Thurs); Hebrews 10 on Jesus' better sacrifice (Fri).