

Ann's Choice Bible Study: **John Chapter 7, January 13, 2021**

Read John 7:1-9

1. Jesus was in Galilee. Why did he not want to go to Judea?
2. What is the Feast of Tabernacles?
3. Why do you think Jesus' brothers urged him to go to the Feast? What was their motivation?
4. Why reason did Jesus give for remaining in Galilee rather than going to the festival?
5. What did Christ mean in telling his brothers that "for you anytime will do"?

Read John 7:10-21

6. The Jewish leaders were looking for Jesus at the festival. What did they say among themselves? What were some of the opinions circulating?
7. Halfway through the festival, Jesus went to the temple courts and began to teach. How did the Jews react?
8. Jesus told them that his teaching was not his own. Where did his words originate? What does he say about speaking on our own vs. speaking to glorify God?

9. How did the crowd react to Jesus' words "Why are you trying to kill me?"

10. Jesus compared his healing of a man's body on the Sabbath to the Jewish practice of circumcision to fulfill the law of Moses. What was his admonition to the Jewish leaders?

Read John 7:25-30

11. What were some of the ideas and speculations about Jesus by the people of Jerusalem after he spoke in the temple courts?

12. What did Jesus declare about himself and his authority?

13. When the chief priests and Pharisees heard what the crowd was saying about Jesus, they sent guards to arrest him. What did Jesus proclaim to them?

Read John 7:35-44

14. Jesus says in verse 37 "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." How would you compare this to an "altar call"?

15. What would be the result of belief in Jesus as our Savior?

16. There were various feelings among the hearers of Jesus teachings. What were some of the reactions?

Read John 7:45-52

17. The temple guards did not arrest Jesus. No one laid a hand on him. What was their reason for not seizing him?

18. Most of the Pharisees wanted to stop Jesus preaching, but one of them seemed to defend Jesus. Who was that Pharisee and what was his reasoning?

It was not Jesus' time. God had a plan. God's plan included sending his Son Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem. We have celebrated his birth, and now we face a new year. God's plan is for us to turn our focus away from the cares and anxieties of the world and to put our faith in him...to accept the Messiah, our Savior Jesus... and through the power of the Holy Spirit, to rely on the One who died for our sins.

Write his Word upon our hearts. His plan is perfect and good: Romans 8:28