

Episode 1-29 - Brothers and Booths

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. The issue of belief or lack of belief continues. In this chapter, we have the example of the Lord's brothers, and of the people and the Jews at the feast of booths.

III. The Lord's brothers do not believe. John 7:1-10.

A. V.1. The Lord contains His ministry to Galilee. The Jews again are the leaders.

B. V.2. Feast of booth-making (skenopegia.) Lev. 23:42-43. Called a Feast of the Jews again.

C. V.3. Brothers = the children of Mary and Joseph. They urge Him to let His Judean disciples see His works.

D. V.4. They want Him to seek publicity, think that is what He is after! World=kosmos, the orderly system or arrangement that governed Israel. Also suggesting He seek approval of the leadership in Judea.

E. V.5. We learn why His brothers said this: they did not believe. Maybe they hoped the leaders would cut Him down to size?

F. V.6. The time was not right to present Himself to Israel's leaders.

G. V.7. The world could not hate His brothers. They were sinful, too. The Lord showed the world up by His righteousness.

H. V.8. The Lord had a specific order of events to follow. "Up" to Jerusalem, but Jerusalem is south of Galilee. In their society = uphill, since they walked everywhere. Jerusalem is always "up" in God's plans.

I. V.9. He stays behind while they go up to the feast.

J. V.10. He goes up when the time is right, by Himself, and in secret.

IV. The Jews and the Lord. John 7:11-19.

A. V.11. Jews here, people v.12. Jews still want to arrest Him as a Sabbath breaker.

B. V.12. People=crowds. Some thought He was good, others a deceiver. Still true!

C. V.13. No one yet knew which way the wind would blow, so both sides were afraid to speak out their opinion. We should not be afraid to speak our faith!

V. Conclusion: Some believed, and some did not believe. Some we might have expected to believe (like the brothers and the Jews.) It is not those who seem closest to the Lord, even today, who always believe. The question is: do we?