

John #40

7:1-13

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## “My Time is Not Yet at Hand”

**Intro:** As we open to our text this morning (to the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of John’s gospel), we come to a point of transition where \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ Savior and \_\_\_\_\_, completes His period of ministry in Galilee and carefully enters into a final season of ministry in Judea. In our text this Lord’s Day we will read of our Lord’s interaction with His brothers, of the Jewish leader’s hatred of Him, and of the peoples thoughts regarding Him. As we read of these, let us simultaneously \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and \_\_\_\_\_ and response to Jesus.

**I.** After the events of chapter 6, \_\_\_\_\_ continued to live and \_\_\_\_\_ in Galilee because the Judean Jewish authorities were seeking to kill Him.

**II.** Since the Feast of Booths was at hand, Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ encouraged Him to \_\_\_\_\_ from Galilee to \_\_\_\_\_ into Judea. (To learn about the Feast of Booths read Ex. 23:16-17; Deut. 16:16, Lev. 23:33-34; Num. 29:12-40; 1 Kings 8:2, 11, 13, 62-66; Neh. 8:13-18)

**A.** With their brother \_\_\_\_\_ claiming to have God as His own Father and to be the Bread of Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ down \_\_\_\_\_, it seemed only logical that if He was who He claimed to be, He should at this time (the time of the Feast of Booths) go to the Holy City and make His \_\_\_\_\_ verifying it with signs and wonders.

**1.** To our Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ it seemed absurd that the one who claimed to be the Messiah would deliberately avoid a good opportunity for publicity and to gain worshipers. They \_\_\_\_\_ thus: “Surely no one who seeks to be known publicly does anything in secret, but does what they do to be seen by men, to gain popularity.” Thus, they \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to go to Judea saying, in so many words, “If you are the Messiah, You should ‘show Yourself to the world.’”

**B.** The \_\_\_\_\_ did \_\_\_\_\_ believe in Him for their words betray their heart. As of yet, they did not \_\_\_\_\_ that their own brother \_\_\_\_\_ was the Divine Deliverer, the Messiah.

**1.** That His brothers would not believe was \_\_\_\_\_ in the Psalms. Ps 69:8 says, “I have become estranged from my brothers, And \_\_\_\_\_ to my mother's sons.”

**C.** At the \_\_\_\_\_ e Jesus would in fact go to Jerusalem and would enter the city as the Messiah, and in fact, it would be at a great time of celebration when men from all over the world made a pilgrimage to the Holy City, but the time for that entrance was \_\_\_\_\_ at hand.

**1.** The Lord makes it clear that He understands that there are those who seek to do Him harm, for the \_\_\_\_\_ Him. And, it is for this reason (that when He comes into Jerusalem as the Messiah that they will \_\_\_\_\_ Him), that His time had \_\_\_\_\_ come.

III. After His brothers had gone up to the Feast, \_\_\_\_\_ Himself then \_\_\_\_\_ also, but not publicly as they challenged Him to, but as it were, \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Just as Jesus knew, the Jerusalem authorities were \_\_\_\_\_ Him \_\_\_\_\_ do Him \_\_\_\_\_.

B. While the authorities were seeking Him, the \_\_\_\_\_ were troubled as they discussed Him, \_\_\_\_\_ over Him.

1. Whether one thought Jesus was one who lead the multitudes astray or a good man, they were \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ for neither did He lead the people astray, nor was He only a good man. In truth \_\_\_\_\_ was much more than a good man for He \_\_\_\_\_ the Christ, the Son of God, God very \_\_\_\_\_ Himself, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world!

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem did not speak openly of Jesus for they \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish authorities.

**Closing:** And beloved, in light of this text, let us \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_.

There were His brothers who did not believe, and tried to force the Lord to do as they desired by sinfully challenging Him. Are any of us \_\_\_\_\_? . . . \_\_\_\_\_ of your sin, and trust in the Lord with all your heart. And as you come to \_\_\_\_\_, you are saved!

Or, are any of us like the world who \_\_\_\_\_? If so, turn from your sin, for soon enough your life will be required of you and then, as the Scripture declares, you will kneel before Christ and confess Him as Lord. But, it will be too late for you to \_\_\_\_\_, and the just judgement will be upon you! Believe while there is time.

Or, are any of us like the multitude in Jerusalem, complaining, arguing, disagreeing, believing all sorts of things about Jesus, good and bad, but not believing that He is the Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ upon Jesus, and \_\_\_\_\_!

And then, perhaps many of us do believe, but like the multitude, we fear man. Again, Prov 29:25 says, "The fear of man brings a snare ..." but it also goes on to say, "But he who \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ will be exalted." ...

Rom 10:9 says, "if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall \_\_\_\_\_."