

Questions on John chapter 7

1. John 6:4 tells us that the Passover was then “at hand.” Verse 1 here tells us that Jesus “would not walk in Jewry,” so we know he did not attend the Passover. Why not? Verse 1.

2. Now Jesus prepares to come out of six-month retirement and attend the Feast of Tabernacles. What was the Feast of Tabernacles? Verse 2.

3. Why did the Lord’s brothers encourage him to go into Judea? Verse 3.

4. Were Jesus’ brothers giving him advice sincerely or was their attitude one of scoffing and derision? Verse 4.

5. How can the brethren acknowledge his miracles and not believe in him? Verse 5.

6. What was Jesus’ patient explanation about why he had not gone to Jerusalem? Verse 6.

7. What may we infer about his brothers in that the world did not hate them? Verse 7.

8. How does the word “yet” in the King James Version on this verse, present in some manuscripts, though not in some translations, explain an apparent contradiction? Verse 8.

9. Why did Jesus remain in Galilee, while others went to the feast? Verse 9. (See verses 6-8)

10. Why did Jesus wish to go to Jerusalem quietly and without fanfare, contrary to what his brethren suggested? Verse 10.

11. To whom does the Bible refer when it speaks of “the Jews”? Verse 11.

12. How do we account for the varying opinions concerning Jesus? Verse 12.

13. What kept the people from speaking openly and boldly of Jesus? Verse 13.

14. What may we conclude from this verse about Jesus' time? Verse 14.

15. Was the attitude of the Jews toward Jesus' teaching one of admiration or of contempt? Verse 15.

16. Was Jesus' knowledge and doctrine derived from some rabbinical school or from some other source? Verse 16.

17. What is the test Jesus proposes for his teaching? Verse 17.

18. What does Jesus say about the one who bears his own message? Verse 18.

19. Although the Jews professed great reverence for the Law, how did Jesus prove they were not keeping the Law? Verse 19.

20. How did the multitude view the question Jesus asked the Jews in the previous verse? Verse 20.

21. To what “one work” does Jesus refer? Verse 21.

22. Was circumcision always performed on the Sabbath? Verse 22.

23. What argument does Jesus make that shows the inconsistency of the Jews in charging him with violation of the Sabbath in his healing of the infirm man? Verse 23.

24. The act of Jesus in healing the man on the Sabbath “appeared” to be a violation, but how would “righteous judgment” exonerate him of that charge? Verse 24.

25. Since the people of Jerusalem knew the rulers' intention, why did they think Jesus had not been killed? Verses 25-26.

26. Why did the people immediately dismiss the idea that Jesus was the Christ? Verse 27.

27. The people knew Jesus as an individual but what didn't they know about him? Verses 28-29.

28. Why was Jesus not arrested at this time? Verse 30.

29. What was the argument of the multitude that the rulers didn't want to spread? Verse 31.

30. What did the chief priests and Pharisees do to counteract the murmuring of the people? Verse 32.

31. When would the Jews desperately seek for their Messiah and why would they not find him? Verses 33-34.

32. What was said here in mockery that actually came to pass later? Verse 35.

33. Why was Jesus' statement that he would return to God and they would be unable to go so hard for these Jews to understand? Verse 36.

34. What happened on the "great" day of the feast that would make Jesus' statement here significant? Verse 37.

35. What does it mean to come to Jesus and drink? Verse 38.

36. When was Jesus glorified, making it possible for believers to receive the "living water," that is, the Holy Spirit? Verse 39.

37. Who was “the prophet” that some of the multitude identified as Jesus? Verse 40.

38. What was the belief of others concerning the identity of Jesus? Verse 41.

39. Although some others had their facts right, about what were they completely ignorant? Verse 42.

40. What were the three divisions of the multitude concerning Jesus? Verse 43.

41. Why didn't some of the multitude arrest Jesus? Was it lack of desire, lack of opportunity, or some other reason? Verse 44.

42. Why didn't the officers, the temple police, undoubtedly sent by the rulers, arrest Jesus? Verses 45-46.

43. What did the chief priests and Pharisees think of the reason the officers gave for not arresting Jesus? Verse 47.

44. Whose word did the chief priests and Pharisees think the officers should take rather than using their own judgment or that of the people? Verse 48.

45. What did they think was wrong with the people that they would believe Jesus? Verse 49.

46. What is meant by the statement that Nicodemus was “one of them,” and how does he remind them that they were in violation of the very law they claimed to respect so much? Verse 50-51.

47. What was the slur they gave to one of their own, and how were they ignorant of history and the law in saying that “out of Galilee ariseth no prophet”? Verse 52.

48. Since they were thwarted in their plans, what was their only option? Verse 53.