

Chapter 7

The Jews were seeking to kill him (healing of impotent man at pool of Bethesda chapter 5)

Feast of Tabernacles – fall of the year – September/October (Chapter 5 – Passover – Spring)

Mandatory Feasts

1. **Spring Feasts** 1st of Nissan (first month of liturgical year)
Passover
Unleavened Bread
First Fruits
Total of 8 days
2. **Feast of Weeks** – Shavuot – Pentecost (50 days after Passover)
3. **Fall Feasts**
Feast of Trumpets
Ten Days of Affliction
Yom Kippur (Great day of Atonement – High Priest enters Holy of Holies)
Five Days Later – Feast of Tabernacles (Mandatory in Jerusalem)

Feast of Tabernacles

- Commemorate Israel living in temporary dwellings in the wilderness
- Booths made and people lived in them for 8 days
- Key event of festival – pouring out of water
 - Golden Pitchers – pool of Siloam through the Water Gate into Temple
 - Hallel Psalms (113-118) read with flute accompaniment
 - Poured out on Temple Altar
 - Water provided by God in the wilderness
 - Rephidim and Mirabah

John 7:3-10

- Jesus brothers – go up and show yourself
- My time is not yet come
- Jesus attends secretly

John 7: 11-13

- Division over Jesus – good man or a deceiver

John 7: 14-30

- Jesus teaching in the temple in the middle of the feast
- Suddenly appears
- Noted he was uneducated
- My teaching is from God – if you do what I say you will know my teaching is true
- Moses and the Law – you break the law to circumcise
- I heal on the Sabbath and you want to kill me?
- Judge rightly
- Is this the one they want to kill?
- Is this the Christ?
- I am from God, He sent me, not on my own
- No one could lay a hand on Him – time was not yet come

John 7:31-36

- Many believe
- Pharisees' send officials to arrest Him
- I am here now but will soon be with the Father and you will not be able to find me

John 7:37-39

- The last day – I thirst – pitchers poured out (see above, Feast of Tabernacles)
- If you are thirst come to ME and drink –
- Living water from innermost being
- Holy Spirit – Woman at the Well
- Holy Spirit – promise of the Father – John 14 and 16

John 7:40-53

- Jesus is the Prophet (Deut 18:15-18)
- Jesus is the Christ
- Issue about Galilee
- The officials did not seize Him – no man has ever spoken like this
- Nicodemus – midnight (John 3); some light (John 7); fully light (John 19)
- No prophets from Galilee – false – Jonah and Nahum, maybe Hosea