

[BELIEVER'S BIBLE STUDY]

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## Chapter 7

### INTRODUCTION...

In Chapter Seven we see tension mounting up concerning the identity of Jesus. Three different times the people address the question about who Jesus is. Just as it was important then, this is one of the most important questions we must ask ourselves. Is Jesus just a “good” man, is he leading people astray, or is he the Christ, the Son of God? Once we have determined the answer to this question we can then apply that answer to everything Jesus commands us to do...are His commands simply “good”, will they lead me astray, or will they lead me to God?

Another prevalent theme in the chapter is the timing of the Lord. We see that Jesus was not taken into custody because “his hour had not yet come.” The appointed time for Jesus to die on the cross was not yet complete; therefore “no one laid hands on him.” We must remember that all things happen in the Lord’s timing. Whenever we, as humans, try to accomplish tasks according to our own time frame we will always be unsuccessful, but when we wait on the Lord “our strength shall be renewed” and we “shall mount up with wings like eagles” (Isaiah 40:31).

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions may have more than one part to them.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted? (see further explanation in Study #1)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

*John 7:38*

*38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*

*NKJV*

THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER SEVEN...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

Why didn't Jesus want to walk in Judea?

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Read Leviticus 23:33-44 and describe what the purpose of the Feast of Tabernacles was.

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Why did Jesus' brothers want him to go into Judea?

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Why do you think Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him?

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What is the connection between what Jesus said to the disciples in verse 6 and verses 3 and 4?

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What verse in chapter 3 coincides with verse 7?

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What do you think Jesus meant by “My time has not yet fully come”?

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What feast was Jesus going to in vs. 10? Why do you think He went “in secret”?

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What were people complaining about Jesus?

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What were the Jews marveling about?

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A...What application does this have to me? (HINT: Acts 4:13)

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What do you think the word “doctrine” is referring to?

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What do we know about Jesus’ doctrine?

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Why do you think the people answered the way they did in vs. 20?

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What does the word “Christ” mean? (Hint: Ch 4)

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Where was Jesus from?

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "...whom you do not know."?

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Why weren't they able to lay hold of Jesus?

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Why did so many people start believing in Jesus?

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A...Why do you believe in Jesus?

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What did Jesus mean in vs. 33-34?

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What does the word "dispersion" mean? Why do you think John capitalized it here?

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Why do you think the Jew were confused in vs. 36?

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Jesus was talking about spiritual water in vs. 37-38. How do we know that?

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What do we know from vs. 42?

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What do you think the officers meant when they said, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”?

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Who was Nicodemus?

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Where were the Pharisees expecting Nicodemus to look?

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Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 7?

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QUESTIONS?...

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