

John 7:1-24

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Hermeneutics

- Interpretation--What the Bible says & means
- Inference--What it infers or implies
- Application--What it means to a particular situation
- Speculation--What it might mean



Practicality

○ Should All Bible Teaching Be Practical?

*As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:10-11

Some Themes in John

☉ Jesus

- John 1:1-18
- John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1

☉ The Gospel of Life

- John 1:12-13, 3:3, 5-6, 15-16; 5:26; 6:27, 51, 57, 63; 10:10; 11:25; 14:19; 17:3

☉ Jesus versus the Patriarchs

- John 4:12; 8:33, 39, 53, 56-58

Some Themes in John

○ Jesus versus Moses

- John 1:17, 45; 3:14; 5:45-46; 6:31-32; 7:19, 22-23; 8:5; 9:28-29

○ Spiritual Identity

- John 5:45-46; 6:64; ,70; 7:7; 8:23-24, 39-48; 10:26-27; 12:47-48; 14:10, 20, 23-24; 15:8, 18-19

Jesus and Moses

Comparisons, Contrasts & Parallels

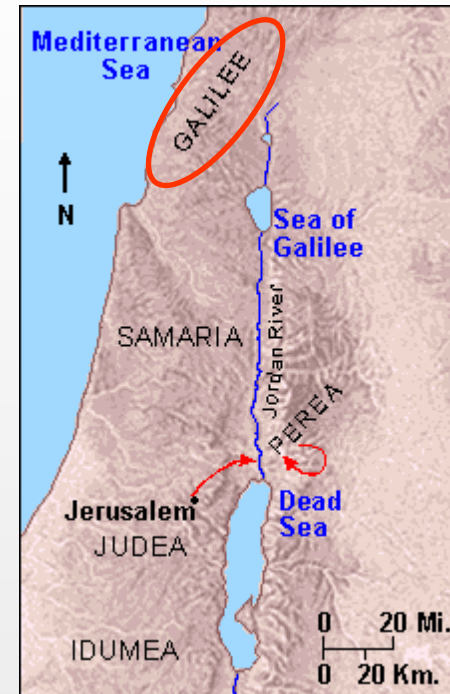
- Moses' life was threatened as a child (Ex 1:22)
- Jesus' life was threatened as a child (Mt 2:16)
- Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not (Ac 7:25)
- Jesus came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him (Jn 1:11)
- Moses delivered the words of life (Dt 32:47)
- Jesus became the Word of Life (1Jo 1:1)
- Moses spoke of a prophet like himself (Dt 18:15,18)
- Jesus was that Prophet (Jn 5:46; Acts 7:37)

The Feast of Tabernacles

- A feast of great joy to celebrate deliverance from Egypt
- It was second only to the Passover in importance among the Jews
- Attendance at this feast was obligatory upon all Jewish males
- The wilderness journey remembered by living in tents or booths for seven days
- The feast began on the 15th of the month Tisri (end of September) and lasted seven days

Jesus Goes to the Feast (7:1-13)

- The Feast of Tabernacles (7:1-2)
- Jesus' brothers' advice (7:3-4)
- Jesus' brothers' did not believe (7:5)!
- Timing is everything (7:6,8-9)
 - John 2:4, 13; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 12:31; 13:1; 17:1
- Why the world hates Jesus (7:7)
- Jesus goes to the feast, and is watched (7:10-13)



Jesus Teaches at the Feast (7:14-24)

- Jesus amazes with His teaching (14-16)
- Obedience leads to understanding (17)
 - Understanding and affirmation follow faith.
 - This is God's way, though precisely the opposite of what the world wants.
 - The world wants to *understand* that they might *believe*. God says to *believe* that we might *understand*.
- Jesus condemns hypocrisy (21-24)

Obedience Leads to Understanding

- If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. John 7:17
- To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32
- Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." John 14:21

Obedience Leads to Understanding

- I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. Psalm 119:100
- Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8
- Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. Malachi 3:10

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