

Studies in John

Lesson 9

John 7: At the Feast of Booths

1. What did the Feast of Booths commemorate? (7:2)
2. If his brothers didn't believe in him, why would they encourage Jesus to go show his works?
3. Jesus tells his brothers he's not going to the feast, but then he does go (v10). How is this similar to what happened with his mother in chapter 2?
4. Compare the crowd's question in v20 to the statement of the Jerusalem people in v25. Why are they different?
5. What "one work" is Jesus referring to? (v21)
6. In this chapter, notice the many questions and statements that the people make about Jesus during his visit to Jerusalem. Narrow these down to three or four very basic categories and list them:
7. Why might have Jesus chosen the last day of the feast to make his announcement about the living water and the Spirit? (v37-39)
8. How is Nicodemus described, and what does he do on Jesus' behalf?
9. Was it true that no prophet ever came, or would come, from Galilee? (v52)
10. Research: Should we consider the story of the woman taken in adultery (7:53-8:11) as part of scripture?

John 8: Light of the World

11. The Pharisees object to Jesus' claim that he's the light of the world. Had Jesus demonstrated that fact?
12. Who was the other witness for Jesus? (8:16,18)
13. Many statements in John are prophetically ironic. To "lift up" (v28) in the Greek means to "exalt". In what way(s) did Jesus mean what he said here?
14. Compare Jesus' statements and the crowd's reactions in v29-30 to v59-60. Why the difference?
15. Identity questions continue in this chapter. From this chapter, list the verses described below:

Where Jesus says who he is: _____

Where Jesus says who the Jews are: _____

Where the Jews say who Jesus is: _____

Where the Jews say who they are: _____

16. What did Jesus tell those who “had believed” to keep doing? (v31-32)
17. Who was the real father of these Jews? How can you tell who anyone’s father is? (v39,44)
18. How is Jesus just the opposite of the devil? (v44)
19. Compare verses 37, 43, and 47. Why couldn’t these Jews hear the word of God?
20. What do the Jews resort to in verse 48? And finally, in verse 59?

21. a) What did these Jews claim?

v33: _____

v39: _____

v41: _____

b) What did Jesus claim about himself?

v12: _____

v14: _____

v23: _____

v28: _____

v42: _____

v55: _____

v58: _____

c) Note that Jesus also makes many claims and accusations about the Jews in this chapter. But what does he say they would “know”?

v28: _____

v32: _____