

John 7:1-15
Jesus Encounters Conflict with the Religious Leaders

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^[1] After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.

^[2] But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near,

^[3] Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do.

^[4] No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world."

^[5] For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

^[6] Therefore Jesus told them, "*The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right.*

^[7] *The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.*

^[8] *You go to the Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come."*

^[9] Having said this, he stayed in Galilee.

^[10] However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

^[11] Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?"

^[12] Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people."

^[13] But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.

^[14]Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

^[15]The Jews were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having studied?”