



## Part 22 – John 7:1-9

### True Belief in Jesus

“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:30-31

**7** “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. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come.” **9** Having said this, he stayed in Galilee.

“Christ lived according to God’s schedule for His life. Unsaved people come and go as they wish, but the child of God must let the Lord lead.”

Warren Wiersbe

“So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”

John 5:16-18

#### 1. True Belief in Jesus the Messiah –

Reconciliation comes by receiving God’s grace through His Son Jesus the Messiah which results in a life committed to following him loyally.

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“Jesus Christ was against the world for the world.”

Tim Keller

“I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”

John 12:4

#### 2. True Belief in Jesus will collide with the world –

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

John 15:18-19

#### 3. True belief in Jesus is active and alive –

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-17

“For two chapters now Jesus seems to be losing almost everyone around him: first the crowd (6:30), then the leaders (6:41-42), then even most of his disciples (6:64), and now, alas, some of the closest members of his own family.”

Udo Schnelle (NT Professor University of Halle– Wittenberg)

“I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children;”

Psalms 69:8

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

“Christ did not die to purify a bride who would keep him on the porch while she watches TV in the den. His will for the church is that we open the door, all the doors of our lives.”

John Piper

“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.”

Acts 1:14

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER THIS WEEK:

1. How would you explain the Kingdom of God to a friend if you only had a few minutes?
2. In what ways has your life collided with the world because of Jesus?
3. What is one thing God has taught you about Himself during Covid19?

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