

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing."⁴ For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."⁵ For not even his brothers believed in him.⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here."⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come."⁹ After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?"¹² And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man", others said, "No, he is leading the people astray."¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching.¹⁵ The Jews therefore marvelled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me."¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?"²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it."²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement."

? After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

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Talk: Think carefully (John 7:25-52)
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Dealing with doubt

John 7:1-24

How can we have true spiritual certainty?

1. If we seek the world's approval we will be unable to truly believe (v1-9)

2. If we seek God's will we will have true spiritual certainty (v10-24)

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