

Looking Unto Jesus

a chronological study of the life of Christ

John 7:1:53

Lesson 30

Who is He? Much of John 7 reflects the peoples' opinion of Jesus. He pressed on, fulfilling His calling, and declaring Himself to be the giver of the Holy Spirit. May your study of this lesson produce a fresh rejoicing in Him.

John 7:1-53

OVERVIEW

1. Read the verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). As you mark key characters, remember to mark any personal pronouns.

Key Characters: *God/Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit*
3. The contrasting words *but, yet, and however* occur many times in this section. Mark the words. Choose one; record what is being contrasted.
4. The term of conclusion *therefore* is used four times. Mark the word. Choose one; record the conclusion and what it is based upon.

APPLICATION:

John 7:1-36

1. *The Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.* This section of John reveals the opinions of three groups of people regarding Jesus: His brothers, the Jewish people, and the Pharisees. Record some of the thinking of each:

Jesus' brothers (verses 3-9)

The Jews (verses 11-20; 25-31)

The Pharisees (verses 32-36)

2. Summarize Jesus' response to each group:

Jesus' brothers

The Jews

The Pharisees

3. Contrast the thinking or goals of each:

Jesus' brothers and Jesus

The Jews and Jesus

The Pharisees and Jesus

4. What thinking today is similar to the heart of the thinking of:
Jesus' brothers

The Jews

The Pharisees

5. In what way have you been challenged to evaluate your thinking in light of Jesus?

APPLICATION:

John 7:37-39

1. Part of the Feast of Tabernacles was dedicated to remembering God's provision of water to the children of Israel as they journeyed from Egypt to the Promised Land. Read the accounts of Exodus 17:6 and Numbers 20:8-11. What came out of the rock?
 - a. What does 1 Corinthians 10:4 declare about the Rock?

2. *On the last date of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out.* According to John 7:37,38 what did Jesus declare?
 - a. Record God's invitation in Isaiah 55:1.
 - 1.) What do you think He intends for us to understand?
 - 2.) What *thirsts* has Jesus quenched in your life?
 - 3.) What *thirsts* do you still have?
 - a.) Why do you think they have not been quenched?

3. To whom did Jesus make this invitation?

- a. This promise has been made only to *believers*. Describe your *thirsts* before you became a believer.

- 4. ...out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Choose from Isaiah 12:3, 43:20 or 44:3. Describe your experience of its truth.

- 5. Reflect on Jesus' explanation of *living water* in John 7:39. Who was Jesus referring to?

What do these two verses reveal about the Holy Spirit?

John 14:17

Ephesians 1:13,14

- 6. Note the words of John 12:16. What do they say?
 - a. Now note the promise Jesus made in John 14:26. In what ways have you experienced this promise?

 - b. Take a moment and express your gratitude for the many times the Holy Spirit has *brought to your remembrance* the words of Jesus.

- 7. In what ways is the Holy Spirit like *living water*?

APPLICATION:

John 7:40-52

1. Many people concluded that *Jesus is the Christ*. So there was a division among the people because of Him (John 7:43). Record the words of the officers in verse 46.
 - a. What are some words of Jesus, that no one else has spoken as He has, that have impacted your life?
 - b. What are some divisions of opinions you have seen regarding Jesus?

Review:

1. Share something from this lesson that impacted you.

*The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought,
and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden,
and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.*

- Isaiah 58:11

Observation Worksheet

John 7:1-53 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. ² Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. ³ His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. ⁴ For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." ⁵ For even His brothers did not believe in Him. ⁶ Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." ⁹ When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. ¹⁰ But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. ¹¹ Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" ¹² And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." ¹³ However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. ¹⁴ Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. ¹⁵ And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" ¹⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. ¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. ¹⁹ Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" ²⁰ The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" ²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. ²² Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? ²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." ²⁵ Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? ²⁷ However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." ²⁸ Then Jesus cried out, as He

taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. ²⁹ But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me." ³⁰ Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹ And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" ³² The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. ³³ Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. ³⁴ You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come." ³⁵ Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?" ³⁷ On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰ Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" ⁴³ So there was a division among the people because of Him. ⁴⁴ Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. ⁴⁵ Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" ⁴⁶ The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" ⁴⁷ Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." ⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, ⁵¹ "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" ⁵² They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." ⁵³ And everyone went to his own house.