

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 7:1-10

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Dangers of Disbelief”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Discipleship,

Reading of the Text

The Summation Sentence

Jesus had been clearly successful in communicating to the people that He himself had come down from heaven. He had made it undeniably clear that He was the very source of eternal life. All that Jesus had said and did announced that He was God’s messiah. This the common people began to embrace. But as soon as Jesus pressed the side of human responsibility toward knowing God and that it meant that all mankind needed Him, this many of them could not receive. Jesus had become a threat!

Chapter 7 is Divided into Three Sections

Disbelief

Before the Feast There was Disbelief vv.1-10

Debate

*In The **Midst** of the Feast There was Debate vv. 11-36*

Division

After the Feast There was Division vv.37-52

Disbelief

Is unlike unbelief. Unbelief is rooted in the fact that someone cannot see what is plainly before them. Disbelief is being confronted with what is true of the facts only to willfully reject that witness.

The Issue Before Us is that of Disbelief

And it is all the more bizarre when you consider the fact that Jesus Christ was standing right in front of them. Could it be that in your life, Jesus has always been right in front of you?

The Dangers of Disbelief

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| 1.) <i>Disbelief robs from the apparent</i> | vv. 1-5 |
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| a.) <i>It's blind to justice</i> | vv. 1a |
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After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because **the Jews sought to kill Him.**

After these things

(the teaching on the bread, the blood, and the disciples)

Verse 1

Jesus walked in **Galilee**
for He did not want to walk in **Judea**,
the Jews sought to **kill Him**

BLIND TO JUSTICE

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| Isaiah 53:3 |
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| He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; he was despised, and we did not esteem Him. |
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Jesus was now guilty and is a wanted man
we're now six months away from His
crucifixion at this point

DISBELIEF RESENTED HIM!!!

*Disbelief robs from the *apparent**

b.) It corrupts the *truth*

vv. 2-4

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."

Now **the Jews'** Feast of Tabernacles was at hand

The truth was, Israel was about to celebrate the
greatest of all its festivals

The feast of tabernacles was one of the three great feasts of the Jewish calendar. Following the feast of trumpets and the Day of Atonement, the feast of tabernacles was when the nation left the comfort of their homes and would camp out together in hand-made tents. The tents would be open at the top which would let in the starry sky at night and the light of the sun by day. This was all done in celebration of their forefathers wilderness wanderings in the desert for some 40 years. It was a joyous time that required that all devout Jewish males make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

And in Jerusalem, The Temple area was illuminated with large menorah's that would symbolize the pillar of fire that kept the people by night in the desert

***It was an intense time of remembrance and reflection of what
God had done***

Children; Tell Them the Story

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The Psalms were read and shouted throughout Jerusalem

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving / and into His courts with praise / Be thankful to Him, / and bless His name / For the LORD is good/ His mercy is everlasting / and His truth endures forever

Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night,

***Disbelief robs from the apparent
It corrupts the truth***

Verse 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.

!!! Sarcastically Spoken!!!

Implied in the brother's language is mockery
Not Unlike Joseph and His Brothers

Self Promotion is of Satanic Origins

Verse 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."

In other words;

“Hey Jesus, It pays to advertise”

Matthew 4:3

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread... "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down...
"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Just on the Heels of Many Disciples Leaving Him,
ISN'T IT JUST LIKE SATAN TO PIPE UP AND SING THE BLUES

Disbelief robs from the apparent

c.) *It resists reality*

v. 5

For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

His brothers did not believe in Him

This is the reason why they egged Him on to go out and risk
His life,
They didn't believe in Him!!!

A sad but prophetic fulfillment

Psalm 69:8

I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children;

an alien to my **mother's children**

They didn't believe in Him because they had missed the scriptures But they are eager to do the religious routine and practice the traditions without the knowledge of the truth

Matthew 13:55-56

"Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

Mark 6:3-4

"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

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brother of grk 80 adelphos (ad-el-fos');
a near relative, a sibling, to be of the same womb. to share the same womb

They had been womb mates!!!

how is it

that His brothers and sisters could have grown up rejecting the message that surrounded their half-brother Jesus, rejecting their father Joseph's account, of their mother Mary, the law and prophets of the old testament, even Jesus' own words and works?

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine (scrutinize) yourselves as to whether you are in the faith.
Test (judge against the standard) yourselves.

A side note here...

The Bible here clearly discredits the false teaching that Mary didn't have any more children other than Jesus and that she was a perpetual virgin being married to Joseph

Matthew 1:22-25

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and **did not know her until** she had brought forth her firstborn Son. - Jesus.

"The Earthly Family is not Jesus' Focus"

Luke 8:19-21

Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. 20 And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." 21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

1.) Disbelief robs from *apparent* **vv. 1-5**

2.) Disbelief leads *compromise* **vv. 6-8**

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.**"

Disbelief leads to compromise

a.) Compromise is the way of the *world* **vv. 6**

Then Jesus said to them, "**My time has not yet come,**

but your time is always ready.

My time has not yet come

JESUS LIVED IN A DIFFERENT TIME ZONE ALL TOGETHER

He wasn't going to move until He had clearly heard from His
Father in heaven

HE WAITED FOR HIS "G-MAIL" "HIS GOD MAIL"

JESUS IS SPEAKING OF THE COMING
ARREST, TRIAL, AND CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Verse 6

but your time is always ready.

>>>>> *Compromise is the way of the world* <<<<<<<

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Time grk 2540 kairos (kahee-ros');
opportunity, a convenient season, the right moment

you have opportunity for the flesh

Disbelief leads to compromise

b.) *Compromise cannot take a stand*

vv. 7

"The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

J.C. Ryle put *it this way*

"They could have and would have tolerated any thing but this. Rejecting Him as messiah and ignoring Him and His miracles they could do, and do with proficiency. But it was His holy proximity to their sinful lives that they could not stand any longer."

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness**, without which no one will see the Lord:

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify (set him apart – not aside) the Lord God in your hearts,

Compromise

is the chameleon of the soul

it's like trying to hold water

it's like attempting to be politically correct

Matthew 5:12-13

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if you lose your saltiness... **(compromise)**

Disbelief leads to compromise

c.) *Compromise leads to hypocrisy*

vv. 8

"You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

"I am not yet going up to this feast"

John 7:8

You go on, and I'll come later when it is the right time."

(TLB)

Hypocrisy 1A

They were going to worship “God” according to the Bible
But couldn’t recognize Him even though He stood in front of them

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| 3.) <i>Disbelief prevents His blessings</i> | vv. 9-10 |

Disbelief prevents His blessings

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| a.) <i>By refusing His presence</i> | vv. 9 |
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When He had said these things to them,
He **remained** in Galilee

The region of Judea and the Jerusalem the City
From here on out will miss out on what God wants to do

The Presence of Christ

What was left behind in the wake of Jesus Christ?

- The elevation of the human spirit and wealth
- The independent freedom of every man & woman
- Physical healings would have comforted the afflicted
- They would have heard the way of everlasting life

Luke 7:20-23

When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" 21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

Matthew 10:14-15

"And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 "Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Luke 13:34

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

Disbelief prevents His blessings

b.) *By veiling His glory*

vv. 10

But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, **not openly, but as it were in secret.**

Disbelief looks into the face of truth and
refuses to see its glory

Disbelief keeps us from His blessings

c.) *By removing the hope of heaven*

vv. 10

The Signs of Disbelief

(Remembering that disbelief is different from unbelief)

#1 – A self-confident attitude regarding spiritual matters – *proud!*

#2 – A willingness to not want to know or to learn – *obstinate!*

#3 – An inability to submit to authority – *rebellious!*

#4 – A resistance to divine change – *inflexible!*

#5 – A desire to go back to the old life – *unconverted!*

always remember this grave warning

“My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, Instructors in the word, knowing that those who do teach the Bible shall receive a stricter judgment in the end when they stand before God.”

- James 3:1