



1. Jesus' Family Conflict (1-10)

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.

And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." Mk. 3:21

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A. Jesus' Response

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.

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B. The Real Conflict

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. (1 Jn. 2:15-16NLT)

Are we living like a self-righteous sin policeman or a Christ-centered servant?

2. Jesus' Identity is Controversial (11-35)

^{7:43} So there was a division among the people over him.

^{9:16} Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

^{10:19} There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.

Various Verdicts about Jesus

1. Some were saying, "He is a good man" (7:12)

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone." (Mk.10:17, 18)

When is it NOT okay to say "God is Good"?

Jesus is saying, "Either call me God or don't call Me good!"

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2. Others were saying, "...He is leading the people astray" (7:12).

...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 judgment." (7:23b-24)



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3. Others were saying, "You have a demon" (7:20)

²⁵ Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive. ²⁷ And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. ²⁸ But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you." (Matt. 12:25-28NLT)



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4. Still others were saying, "This really is the Prophet" (7:40)

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— (Deut. 18:15)

OT Prophets declared "Thus says the Lord."
But Jesus claimed to be God; that's why He said:
"Truly, truly, I say to you."

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5. Still others were saying: "This is the Christ or Messiah" (7:26, 41)

... "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" (7:41b-42)



Why is there so much confusion about Jesus?

¹⁷ If anyone 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.

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. (1 Pet. 3:15NLT)

Once you admit that you need God's leadership and are willing to follow it, He will give you all the evidence you need to know that Jesus is the way to Him!

3. Jesus' Claim is Offered (36-52)

A. How the Jews Observed the Festival

(Ex.17:1-7NLT). At the LORD's command, the whole community of Israel left the wilderness of Sin and moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for the people to drink. ² So once more the people complained against Moses. "Give us water to drink!" they demanded. "Quiet!" Moses replied. "Why are you complaining against me? And why are you testing the LORD?" ³ But tormented by thirst, they continued to argue with Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Are you trying to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What should I do with these people? They are ready to stone me!"

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(Ex.17:1-7NLT). ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Walk out in front of the people. Take your staff, the one you used when you struck the water of the Nile, and call some of the elders of Israel to join you. ⁶ I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink." So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on. ⁷ Moses named the place Massah (which means "test") and Meribah (which means "arguing") because the people of Israel argued with Moses and tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD here with us or not?"

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"Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; ...With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
(Isa.55:1; 12:3)

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B. Jesus' Announcement at the Festival

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
Rom.5:5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Rom.8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

How does this become a reality in *your* life?

- "*Drink*" *one time* to receive God's Spirit forever.
- "*Drink*" as a *lifestyle* to stay filled with God's Spirit.

(Eph 5)¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing **one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to **one another** out of reverence for Christ.

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The best way to build a lifestyle around this "drinking" is to do it with other Christian "drinkers."

