



**Today's Sermon:  
The Need for Illumination**

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# Ministering In Danger

(John 7:1-24 NIV)

## The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. <sup>2</sup>But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, <sup>3</sup>Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. <sup>4</sup>No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup>For even his own brothers did not believe in him. <sup>6</sup>Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. <sup>7</sup>The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup>After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee. <sup>10</sup>However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

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<sup>11</sup>Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?" <sup>12</sup>Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." <sup>13</sup>But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

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<sup>14</sup>Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. <sup>15</sup>The Jews there were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having been taught?" <sup>16</sup>Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. <sup>17</sup>Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. <sup>18</sup>Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. <sup>19</sup>Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?" <sup>20</sup>"You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. <sup>22</sup>Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup>Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man's whole body on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup>Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."