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(John 7:1-24 NIV)

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The Brothers

¹After 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.

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² But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ **Jesus' brothers** said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do."

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⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

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⁶ Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil.

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⁸ You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.” ⁹ After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

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¹⁰ However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

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The Crowd

¹¹ Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, “Where is he?”

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¹² **Among the crowds** there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.”

Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.”

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¹³ But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

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The Jews

¹⁴ Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

¹⁵ **The Jews** there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?”

¹⁶ Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me.

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¹⁷ 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.

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¹⁸ 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.

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¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”

²⁰ “You are demon-possessed,” the crowd answered. “Who is trying to kill you?”

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²¹ Jesus said to them, “I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. ²² 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.

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²³ 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?

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²⁴ Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.”

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