

Journey To the Feast of Tabernacles

Lesson aim: To consider the mixed reaction Jesus received from those who heard Him and to determine the reasons for this varied response.

Ridicule by the Lord's brothers--Jn. 7:2-9

- 1. What was the attitude of Jesus' brothers toward Him? How might we account for their rejection of Him at this point? Did this unbelief continue?*
- 2. What did they urge Jesus to do? What did Jesus mean when He said, "My time is not yet at hand"?*

Journey through Samaria--Lk. 9:51-56 (Jn. 7:10)

- 1. Why did the Samaritans not receive Jesus on His journey through their province?*
- 2. What can we learn from Jesus' rebuke of the disciples for wishing to cast fire on the Samaritans?*

Complete commitment required of followers--Mt. 8:19-22 (Lk. 9:57-62)

- 1. What lessons does this section teach us about discipleship?*

Jesus' teaching receives a mixed reaction--Jn. 7:11-31

- 1. Find some examples of how John in the section reveals the varying reactions of people to Jesus' preaching and work. How can we account for these differences? Should we expect them today?*

2. *Does a personal experience with Christ or miracles assure that one will be a believer? What did Jesus indicate was necessary in order to come to a correct conclusion as to the source of His teaching?*
3. *What claims did Jesus make about Himself?*

A frustrated attempt to arrest Jesus--Jn. 7:32-52

1. *What further claims did Jesus make in this section?*
2. *Why did the officers sent to seize Jesus not take Him captive?*

For Discussion:



What work of the Holy Spirit is promised in Jn. 7:37-39? Is this promise limited to the first century or for believers for all time?