



The Gospel According to John

Lesson 16: [John 7:1-13](#)

January 27, 2015

1. Preparation: Read [Exodus 23:16](#), [Leviticus 23:33-44](#), [Deuteronomy 16:13-15](#) and [Zechariah 14:16-19](#). Pray. Write out and then memorize [John 6:35](#).

2. Study: [John 7:1-13](#). Read [Kostenberger, Encountering John](#), Chapter 7, pages 90-91, especially the section about the Feast of Tabernacles.
 - a. **Observation:** What do the Scripture passages say?
 - (1) **Where** is Jesus and His disciples at the start of this Scripture passage and **why?** [\[MAP\]](#)

 - (2) **Why** was Jesus and His disciples in this area? ([John 5:18](#), [7:1](#))

 - (3) **What** time of year is it? What is its significance? ([Leviticus 23: 33-44](#))

 - (4) Approximately how many months have passed between John chapters 6 and 7?

 - (5) **Who** are Jesus' brothers? ([Matthew 13:53-56](#), [12:46](#), [Mark 6:1-3](#))

 - (6) **What** did Jesus' brothers say to Him and **why?** ([John 7:5](#), [Mark 3:20-21](#))

 - (7) If Jesus was in Galilee (north) and the Feast was celebrated in Jerusalem (south), **why** does it say "go up" to the Feast?

 - (8) Did Jesus go up to the Feast with His family? **Why** or why not?

 - (9) **Who** was looking for Jesus at the Feast and **why?**

 - (10) **What** were the people saying about Jesus and **why?**

(11) **Why** didn't the people speak openly about Jesus?

b. **Interpretation:** What does the Scripture passage mean?

(1) **Contrast** John 2:1 – 5:9 with John 5:10 – 7:13. What has happened? (the “big picture”)

(2) **Who** is still following Jesus?

(3) **Who** has rejected Jesus and **why**?

(4) **What** is the real reason Jesus goes up to the Feast in secret?

(5) **What** do Jesus' choices about when, where, why, and how He goes places and does things say about who He is and why He came?

c. **Application:** How will you apply this Scripture passage in your life?

(1) Has your sense of your life's purpose and timing changed since you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, how? (share your story)

(2) What are you doing now or what will you do in the future to use the time you have on this earth to glorify God and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others? (share your thoughts; be specific)

(3) Considering that Jesus often presented His message to hostile groups, are there opportunities for you to share the Gospel with people who may initially be hostile to you and/or the message?

3. Write out John 6:35 from memory.

4. Read Isaiah 12. Conclude your study time with prayer.