

*The Gospel of John*   
*Lesson 8 Study Guide*  
*Chapter 7: 1- 53*

Throughout Chapter 7, it is mentioned that the Pharisees sought to take and kill Jesus. It also mentions that Jesus' time had not yet come. We begin to see the contrast between those who believe in Jesus as the Messiah and those who did not believe. Jesus continues to give them such important clues about who He is. Why do you think people don't understand? Why do you think this still happens today?

**Memory Verse:** *"Jesus stood and cried out, saying "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:37b-38)*

To start this lesson, read John 7:1-53. Then re-read John 7:1-24.

1. Why did Jesus "walk" in Galilee and not Judea? Yet why did his brothers tell him to go to Judea?\_\_\_\_\_

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2. How would you define the word "seek"?\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why did Jesus tell his brothers He would stay in Galilee?\_\_\_\_\_

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4. What were people in Judea saying about Jesus?\_\_\_\_\_

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5. The Jews marveled at Jesus' teaching in the temple. What was Jesus response to their question about His lack of formal education?\_\_\_\_\_

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6. What argument did Jesus make about the righteousness of His healing a man on the Sabbath?\_\_\_\_\_

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7. What is the main lesson from Verses 1-24? How will you apply this to your life?

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**Next, read John 7:25-39.**

8. How did Jesus answer the concern about “when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from”? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What does “His hour has not yet come” mean? (see Verses 6,8, and 30) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What did Jesus mean in vv. 33-34 and then why were the Jews confused by it? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. How would you define “living water”? (see vv. 37-39) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Verses 37-39 represented Jesus' gospel invitation. Like the woman at the well in Chapter 4, in Chapter 7, Jesus uses the picture of water and a well-known Jewish theme of spiritual need through “thirst.” Jesus beckons for those in spiritual need to come to Him and “drink” or accept Him in faith. The flowing of the water is a call by Jesus to share the gospel. “Those who responded to Christ’s invitation received the living water of salvation He offered that very day. But the Spirit would not be given in fullness until several months later, on the Day of Pentecost, following Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension (16:7, Acts 1:45, 8; 2:1-4). Since the close of the transitional period in the book of Acts, however, all Christians receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.” John MacArthur in “John Volumes 1 & 2 MacArthur New Testament Commentary Set”*

12. Has the living water flowed out of your heart? How? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What is the main lesson from Verses 25-39? How will you apply this to your life?

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**Next, read John 7:40-53.**

14. After Jesus taught, what did the people say? (vv. 40-43) \_\_\_\_\_

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15. After Jesus taught, what was the response of the palace guards? (vv. 44-46) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. What was the Pharisees' response to the guards? (vv. 47-49) \_\_\_\_\_

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17. What people misunderstand about where Jesus was from? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. In what ways has obedience to Christ shown you who He is? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. How can you motivate yourself to share the gospel with people even though they may become offended?

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20. What is the main lesson from Verses 40-53? How will you apply this to your life?

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21. ***Special Thought:*** If you were to summarize the message of John 7:1-53-in one sentence, what would you say? \_\_\_\_\_

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