

## Chapter 7

- v. 2 **Feast of tabernacles** — The Jews would celebrate this by dwelling in booths as a memorial of their wilderness wanderings. This was during the 7th month and there's a good chance both Advents can be dated here. See Leviticus 23:34, 42-44. It was a picture of God dwelling with man and explains Matthew 17:4.
- v. 3 **Brethren** — Mary had other children. See Luke 2:7 (firstborn); Mark 3:31-35; Matthew 13:55, 56.
- v. 4 They challenge Jesus.
- v. 6 **Always ready** — Death is imminent for every man.
- v. 7 Notice His negative view on the world. When you preach against it, they will hate you.
- v. 12 **Concerning him** — Much controversy surrounds Christ.
- v. 13 **Fear** — Some Christians are the same way, secret agents.
- v. 15 He had never been to their school, but His boldness stood out. See Acts 4:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:2.
- v. 16 A good answer when people ask you where you're coming from (Galatians 1:12).
- v. 17 A teachable person is willing to learn and do God's work. Jesus challenges them to test His hypothesis.
- v. 18 **No unrighteousness** — He's proclaiming His sinlessness.
- v. 20 **Kill** — See John 8:37, 40. He knew their motives (verse 25).
- v. 23 If a child were 8 days old on the Sabbath, they would circumcise him. In other words, they're cutting flesh, but He's making it whole.
- v. 24 While something may appear wrong, it may not be.
- v. 28 **Cried** — street preaching. He read their thoughts. This is like the preacher preaching to you. Straight at you like he knows your life.
- v. 32 They were concerned that people believed on him (verse 31). See also John 12:10, 11. There's always a big effort to keep people from believing Christ.
- v. 33 This is 6 months before His death.

- v. 34 He's speaking of the third Heaven.
- v. 38 Only Jesus has made this claim, not Mohammed, Buddha, the pope, etc.  
**Living water** — See page 358 of "The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times" for the significance. This is also key to chapter 8 when He writes on the ground. See also Exodus 17:2, 6; 1 Corinthians 10:4. Adam may have literally had water flowing in his body. Spiritually, we have the word of God and Holy Spirit coming out of us.
- v. 39 **Holy Ghost** — Speaking of Pentecost.
- v. 40 **The prophet** — Spoken of by Moses.
- v. 42 They were confused because He was born in Bethlehem, but from Nazareth.  
**Scripture** — Referring to Micah 5:2, written 700 BC. Also see Luke 4:21 where Isaiah's writings are called scripture, also written 700 BC. These were not references to "the originals."
- v. 43 **Division** — And there always will be — see Matthew 10:34-36. Christianity is the most forbidden religion and the Bible is the most forbidden book.
- v. 46 **Never** — These people weren't laughing at His claims to deity. Jesus spoke with majestic authority, originality, compassion, simplicity, wisdom.
- v. 49 The law is actually cursed. The Old Testament ends in a curse. See also Galatians 3:13.
- v. 51 This answers their question in verse 48. Nicodemus was confused in chapter 3 and is becoming a believer.
- v. 52 They get emotional and criticize Nicodemus. A prophet did arise out of Galilee — Jonah. Jesus identified His sign of the resurrection with Jonah in Matthew 12. The only sign they would be given was from a prophet they apparently forgot about.