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## **God's Timing**

**John 7:1-13** <sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He did not want to travel in Judea, because the Jews there were trying to kill Him. <sup>2</sup>However, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near. <sup>3</sup>So Jesus' brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go to Judea, so that Your disciples there may see the works You are doing. <sup>4</sup>For no one who wants to be known publicly acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup>For even His own brothers did not believe in Him. <sup>6</sup>Therefore Jesus told them, "Although your time is always at hand, My time has not yet come. <sup>7</sup>The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me, because I testify that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>Go up to the feast on your own. I am not going up to this feast, because My time has not yet come." <sup>9</sup>Having said this, Jesus remained in Galilee. <sup>10</sup>But after His brothers had gone up to the feast, He also went—not publicly, but in secret. <sup>11</sup>So the Jews were looking for Him at the feast and asking, "Where is He?" <sup>12</sup>Many in the crowds were whispering about Him. Some said, "He is a good man." But others replied, "No, He deceives the people." <sup>13</sup>Yet no one would speak publicly about Him for fear of the Jews. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The large crowd that had once wanted to make Jesus king by force was now a mob that wanted to **kill** Him. V.1
- B. The Jewish Feast of **Tabernacles** was coming up. V.2
- C. The brothers of Jesus **urged** Him to go to the feast to do miracles. V.3-4
- D. His brothers did not **believe** in Him. V.5
- E. Jesus told them that it was not His **time** to become public. V.6-8
- F. Jesus waited and went to the feast in **secret**. V.9-10
- G. People had opinions about Jesus but many kept silent out of **fear**. V.11-13

II. How can we apply this story to our lives.

- A. Many who hate God now once **followed** Him. Guard your **faith!**
- B. Be careful who you are **listening** to. Many are motivated by selfishness and not by the Holy Spirit.
- C. Being **related** to godly people does not make you a godly person.
- D. God's **timing** makes all the difference.
- E. Fear of the **mob** will keep us from standing up for God.