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## Jesus & Sukkot (John 7:1-13)

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*The Jewish feasts looked back at what God did had done for Israel but also forward toward something even better in Christ. As we get introduced to this feast, we see lessons on God's timing vs. man's, the continual need to share the gospel even in the church, and how the world and our families may react toward Jesus.*

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### **Surveying Sukkot (vv. 1-2)**

Sukkot – plural of *sukkah* meaning “booth/tabernacle”

See Exod 23; Lev 23; Num 29; Deut 16; Ezek 37:26-28; Jn 1:14

### **1) \_\_\_\_\_ Upbringing Does Not \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation (vv. 3-5)**

Jesus’ interaction with his brothers – *sarcastic, sincere, or spiteful?*

*“Familiarity with Jesus did not & does not guarantee faith in him.” – Dr. Thomas Constable*

See Mt 7:21-23

#### **APPLICATION:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel in the Church

2) \_\_\_\_\_ to Your Conversations with Others

3) Keep \_\_\_\_\_ a Priority

TEACH – see Mt 28:19; 2 Tim 2:2; 3:16; Eph 4:11-12

**2) God's \_\_\_\_\_ Is Not Our Timing (vv. 6-9)**

Two major themes in the Gospel of John – BELIEVE & SENT

How does this segment remind you of Matthew 4 & the devil tempting Jesus?

**APPLICATION:**

The importance of counting our seconds & considering our focus.

See Ps 139:16; Jas 4:14; Eph 2:10; 5:15-17

*“Could it be that God is doing something greater than we realize? Could it be that God who has always existed may have a plan that you, with your twenty years or forty years or eighty years of wisdom, don’t understand? To follow Jesus means we give up control of our timetable and our purpose. We turn over the keys, the map, and the schedule to him.” (Carter & Wreberg, CCE: John, Logos)*

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel Faithfully & \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 7, 10-13)**

THOUGHT #1 – Do Not Let the Fear of Others Silence You!

THOUGHT #2 – The World Was Against Him. It Will Be Against Us!