**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

**Book of John**

**Chapter 7-In Jerusalem: Questions, Reactions and a Brewing storm**

**Last week:**

 Jesus explained the meaning behind the Feed of the 5,000. Remember: It is Passover, remembrance of delivery from slavery and one year before the Passover of his death. He announces he is the Bread/Manna of Life, who is here on earth to meet the spiritual hunger of humankind. Painfully, he reveals his purpose in coming: To be the Lamb of God; a sacrifice is coming--His body & shed blood. He invites humankind to join in his sacrifice and live with him eternally.

**Finish tonight: Responses to His Announcement (last section in John 6)**

 But not to worry, further in time, those who seek answers will understand!

**This week: Festival of Booths (aka Tabernacles, Ingathering or Sukkot)**

 An 8 day festival of remembrance & hope in Jerusalem.

 Multilayered Holiday:

autumn harvest of tree & vine (food),

tent life in the dessert with Moses (shelter)

autumn equinox and light (sun) - light bowls brightly burning in the temple, sun

autumn drought and water(rain) - The water ceremony praying for water both agriculturally and spiritually

**Beginning of the Feast (7:1-13):**

Proposal from the Four Brothers Committee to Advance Jesus:

 Why does it fall short?

 Jesus' plan:

 What's the buzz in Jerusalem?

 Why are they whispering?

**Middle of the Feast (7:14-24): Whispered Questions (Q) from the Crowd**

Setting: Jesus is in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the role of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (14)

 **Q1:** **Where did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?** (15)

 **A1: From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (16)**

 Who will hear & understand his teaching? (17)

 What is the sign of a true rabbi? (18)

 Jesus Exposes Poor Judgement: (19-24)

 What does the law say about murder?

 Reopening the Trial for Healing on the Sabbath:

 Compare healing to circumcision.

 Following the law of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 The Crowd Confused (25-26)

 Some think maybe their authorities switched opinion and believe Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (25-26)

 **Q2: Where is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (25-29)**

Easy Answer based on his earthly name: Jesus, son of \_\_\_\_\_\_ from\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 (John assumes the reader knows the history of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.)

 **A2: From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (28)**

 Responses (30-32)

 The crowds:

 The Pharisees:

 **Q2: Where is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (33-36)**

 **A3: Going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (33)**

The "short time" is about \_\_\_\_ months.

Easy Answer based on Jewish beliefs: To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (35-36)

**Last & Great day of the Feast (7:37-52)**

After 7 days of water processions (7 times on day 7), marching from southern city border to the Gihon Spring/Pool of Siloam, picking up water, carrying it up the hill to the Water Gate, waving branches, singing Psalms 113-118, and ending with the priest pouring the water on the alter, the hope is that both physically and spiritually, they will be blessed with water the next year. (For more understanding, read Numbers 20:8-10, Isaiah 17:3, Ezekial 47:1, \*\*Zechariah 14: 8.)

 **Jesus announcement : (37-38)** In public, no more whispering!

 **I am the new source of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that will flow out of the new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 2:13-25). I am the true gift promised at the Feast of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

 **John explains the meaning in retrospect: (39**)

 *Earthly symbols must be converted to spiritual truths.*  (GB)

What(who) is going to flow?

 To whom will it flow?

 When will it flow?

 Foretelling that the Holy Spirit will be a signal of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 (Thinking ahead, when Jesus was struck with spear on the cross, both blood and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came from his belly.)

 **Who is Jesus?: Debate & Division Continue (40-52)**

 The crowd:

 The temple police:

 The Pharisees:

 The voice of Nicodemus:

Reflection:

 What do we learn about God and Jesus?

 Is Jesus here to bring peace or what?

 How does it cause us to think and live differently?

 Can I accept that most of the world is in rebellion to Jesus?