




John 7:1-13 

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His brothers don't believe



Yesterday you read about the unbelieving disciples of Jesus; today's topic is something that is probably even sadder: His own brothers don't (yet) believe in Him (v5). And this although they have God-fearing parents and they have been able to watch the perfect life of their oldest brother for years! Sadly there are also people today who are at a great advantage in many respects and still, they don't take the decisive step.

The brothers would like Jesus to show Himself at the great religious event in Jerusalem, so that He would become popular by His works (vv3-4). But the Lord Jesus doesn't allow Himself to be compelled by His brothers. He acts according to the will of the Father. And when He goes, He doesn't do it to attract attention, but "as in secret" (v10).



34. Which feast was soon going to take place?

35. Why does the world hate the Lord Jesus?



The expression „world“ occurs frequently in the gospel of John. It has various meanings. Chapter 1:10 tells us that the world came into being by the Lord Jesus – that is the world as creation. Chapter 3:16 refers to the world of mankind. And the expression here in verse 7 refers to a system with Satan at the top, who rules over the unbelieving people and where there is no room for God and His Christ.



Do you believe in the Son of God?

34. The fest of tabernacles (v2).