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Jesus and the Christ

1. (v. 7:1) Why were the Jews waiting to take Jesus' life?
See John 2:13-20; 4:1-3; 5:16-18

2. (v. 7:2-5) What rationale did Jesus' brothers have for him to go to Jerusalem?

What might have been their motivation?

What conclusion does John draw about the "brothers"?

Think about it: What about Jesus did the "brothers" not believe?

3. (v. 7:6-8) What does Jesus mean when he says "the right time for me has not yet come"?

4. (v. 7:9-10) Did Jesus deceive his brothers?

In what way might going "not publicly, but in secret" justify Jesus' statement that he was "not yet going up to the Feast"?

5. (v. 7:11-13) Describe the variation in response that Jesus elicited.

Why would the people "fear the Jews"?

6. (v. 7:14-15) Read Leviticus 23:34-38 for how long the Feast was to last.

See also Matthew 7:28-29. What amazed the Jews?

7. (v. 7:16-18) What is the prerequisite for knowing that Jesus speaks for God?

What is one way to know if a man is telling the truth?

8. (v. 7:19) What law of Moses were the Jews planning to break?

The Jews were confused by Jesus' statements. What do you think Jesus was referring to when he said, "Where I am, you cannot come"?

9. (v. 7:20-24) See also John 5:1-15,18. To what "one miracle" is Jesus referring?

13. (v. 7:37-39) To what is John referring when he says, "By THIS he meant the Spirit"?

What is the gist of Jesus' argument against the Jews?

Is the subject of John 4:10 related to this subject? What is the "water" in 4:10 and what is the "water" in 7:38?

10. (v. 7:25-29) What argument do the people use to conclude Jesus is not the Christ?

See John 14:16; 16:7 When would the Spirit be given?

How does Jesus respond to their doubt?

14. (v. 7:40-43) Regarding Jesus, what specifically confused the crowd?

11. (v. 7:30-31) Think about it: Why were "they" unable to seize Jesus?

From these verses what can you conclude about the people's knowledge of the OT and about Jesus' origins?

What argument is used by those who place their faith in Jesus?

15. (v. 7:45-49) Why did the guards (see 7:32) not do what they had been ordered?

12. (v. 7:32-36) Why did the authorities attempt to expedite the arrest of Jesus?

What arguments did the Pharisees use to refute the logic of the guards?

