

What's your favorite holiday?

- **Feast of Unleavened Bread/Passover**
 - *Easter; in the Spring
- **Feast of Weeks/Pentecost: +50 days**
 - *Today on the calendar (June 8)
- **Feast of Booths/Tabernacles: in the Fall**
 - *Today's verses (John 7)

Beginning of the Festival

After this, Jesus went about in Galilee [northern region]. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Now the Jews' Feast of Booths [Tabernacles] was at hand. -

John 7:1-2

John 7:3-5a

So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” For not even his brothers believed in him.

John 7:5b-7

Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.

John 7:8-9

You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

John 7:10-11

But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.

The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?”

John 7:12-13

And there was much muttering about him [compare to Israelites in wilderness] among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

Middle of the Festival

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” - John 7:14-15

John 7:16-17

So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.”

John 7:28-29

So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”

John 7:30-31

So they were seeking to arrest him, *but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.* Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

John 7:32-33

The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me."

John 7:34-35a

You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.” The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him?

John 7:35b-36

**Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?
[irony = the Greeks will come to Jesus!]**

What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

End of the Festival

On the last day of the feast, the great day,
Jesus stood up and cried out,

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and
drink. Whoever believes in me, as the
Scripture has said, ‘*Out of his heart will
flow rivers of living water.*’” - John 7:37-38

An Old Testament Explosion!

- **Exodus 17 / Numbers 20** - water given to the people from a rock
- **Isaiah 12:3** - “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”
- **Ezekiel 47 / Zechariah 14** - water flowing from the temple in the end times

John 7:39

Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given [this would happen at Pentecost], because Jesus was not yet glorified [this would be Passover & Easter].

- **Holy Spirit promised at Feast of Booths**
 - Water poured out from the jugs
- **Jesus dies and rises at Passover/Easter**
 - Water & blood pour out from His side
- **Holy Spirit sent at Pentecost**
 - Spirit poured out on the people

Pentecost 2025

1. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- Salvation by Grace through Faith
- We miss this when we resist Jesus.

2. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

- Transformed Life; Empowered Ministry
- We miss this when we quench the Spirit.

Isaiah 55

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Isaiah 55

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Isaiah 55

Listen diligently to me,
and eat what is good,

delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

Isaiah 55

Hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

Isaiah 55

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Isaiah 55

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

***let the wicked forsake his way, and the
unrighteous man his thoughts;***

Isaiah 55

let him return to the Lord, that he may
have compassion on him,

***and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.***

Isaiah 55

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the
Lord.

*As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Isaiah 55

“For as the rain and the snow come down
from heaven and do not return there but
water the earth,

*making it bring forth and sprout, giving
seed to the sower and bread to the
eater,*

Isaiah 55

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

*and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”*