

MY TIME YOUR TIME

John 7:1-9

Introduction:

1. The Context

A) The impact of Jesus' ministry

- > In Galilee (John 7:1a)
 - How it began (John 4:45)
 - How it ended (John 6:66)
- > In Judea
 - The Jews want to kill Jesus (John 7:1b)

B) The season of Jesus' life

- > The Feast of Tabernacles was at hand (John 7:2)
 - This feast is one of the three great feasts (Deuteronomy 16:13-17)
 - This feast commemorates a very significant time in Israel's history (Leviticus 23:33-43)

2, His Brother's Counsel

A) Their Premise - This is a great time for Jesus to jumpstart His career

- > Go to Jerusalem, it's the feast (John 7:3)
- > If you are the Messiah, now is the time to prove it

B) Their Plan

- > You need to do more miracles (John 7:4)
 - This sounds like a good plan
 - Remember Mary had similar ideas (John 2:1-4)
 - Remember the response to the miracle of the loaves / fish? (John 6:14-15)
- > Do miracles necessarily lead to faith?
 - They didn't in Galilee (John 6:66)
 - They won't in Judea (John 12:37)
 - They haven't in Jesus' brothers (John 7:5)

* When we are confused about God's purpose we become confused about His timing

And when we are confused about His timing we can make bad decisions (1 Samuel 13:6-14)

3. Jesus' Confidence

A) Jesus is clear about His mission (John 7:6)

> My time is not yet come

Time for what? (John 12:23-27)

The Jews are already planning to kill Him in Judea (John 7:1)

But they can't happen until the Feast of Passover (John 13:1)

Jesus will lay His life down when "it is finished" (John 10:18)

> His timing is determined to His Father's purpose and glory (John 17:1)

B) Jesus' confidence is based upon His Father's will, not the world's response (John 7:7)

> The world's purpose and timing are connected to their own good, not God's glory

> But when Jesus comes and exposes their sinfulness, they hate Him and reject Him (John 3:19)

Ultimately, they hate Jesus because they hate God (John 15:18-23)

C) Jesus' time has not fully come (John 7:8)

> It isn't time for Him to die yet

> He is embracing His Father's purpose and timing

He will not go to Judea according to His brother's plans

He will go to Judea according to His Father's plan (John 7:9-10)

APPLICATION:

Following in the steps of Jesus isn't as easy as some would have you believe

God's timing is clarified by His purposes and His purposes demand our allegiance

Trusting in God's providence and embracing His purposes helps us wait patiently for His timing