

Encountering Jesus
20. Jesus Encounters Hostility (John 7v1-13)

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Jesus submitted to the Father's ways (v1-5; 11-13)

- The way of the world

- The way of submission

Jesus submitted to the Father's time (v6-10)

- The timing of the world

- The timing of the Father

Conclusion

John 7v1-13 (NIV)

¹After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. ²But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, ³Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. ⁴No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

⁶Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. ⁸You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come." ⁹Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. ¹⁰However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

¹¹Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?" ¹²Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." ¹³Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.