# John Lesson 21

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## 1 My Time Is Not Yet Full Come

**John 7:6**

- He did not go in Judea, because there the religious leaders were seeking his death.
- Jesus understood that his purpose for coming to this world was that he might die for a sinful man.
- But that cross would not take place until his time was full, and that is, until he had fulfilled the mission which he had come to do.

## 2 His Brothers Did Not Yet Believe in Him

**Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 3:19**

- The brethren of Jesus urged him to go to Jerusalem, not just to the feast, but their reasoning was that he ought to go to prove himself before others.
- They did not understand that he was a king over a spiritual kingdom.
- Later on, we read some scriptures that convince us that his brethren did become believers.
- Jesus is simply referring to his death. But he said, It's not time yet for me to die.
- When men are doing evil and they do not want to make any changes, they hate the gospel that is taught to them.

## 3 How Knoweth This Man Letters, Having Never Learned?

**John 7:15; Matthew 21:23–27**

- It was the religious leaders who in verse 15 marvel, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?
- What authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority? That's a good question. We ought to ask that question today.
- Much of the modern teaching in seminaries today does much to undermine faith rather than to build faith.
- Rather than answering the question, they evaded the question.
- We ought to come to unity based upon what saith the scripture, not on the basis of what men say.
- Let's come back to the Bible. Let's let the Bible speak and let our faith be based upon the authority of the word.

## 4 If Any Man Will Do His Will, He Shall Know

**John 7:16–17; 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12; Ephesians 3:3–5**

- My doctrine is not mine, but it is his that sent me. That is, it is the Father's will.
- Those who want to do the will of the Father, Jesus said they can know the truth.
- If we close our minds and our hearts to the truth, God will allow us to believe a lie in the place of truth.

- You take a passage in its context, and it will not contradict any other passage. Truth does not contradict itself.
- We need to will to do his will, not want to do our will, but will to do his will.
- It takes some thinking, it takes some reading, it takes a study of God's word, but when you do that, you can know the will of God.

## 5 Judge Not According to the Appearance

**John 7:19–24; Leviticus 12:3**

- Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.
- If doing this good work, even if it fell on the Sabbath, is not breaking it, then how did Jesus break it when he healed a lame man.
- They were envious of Jesus. And they hated Jesus.
- The people couldn't follow religious leaders when their religious leaders are wrong, and neither should you nor I.
- We need to take a Bible and read for ourselves and understand truth and follow that, not what men may say.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to make a test today of every preacher. By what authority doest thou these things? Who gave you this authority? Test him, try him. What does he say? Is it the word of God or not?**

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