

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 8: God Sets the Time



Scripture

- **John 7:28-31, 37-38**

Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.” So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand upon Him, because His hour had not yet come. But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?”

³⁷Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Other Scriptures

- John 1:1, 4-5, 9
- John 7:41
- Romans 1:20
- John 11:47-53
- I Peter 1:5
- John 10:18
- Zechariah 14:18-19
- Philippians 4:4

Main Points

- Synoptic Gospel—the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, which describe the life of Jesus from a historical perspective.
- The Gospel of John reveals to us unseen realities.
- We're born with the knowledge of "the Light".
- Nothing can touch us outside of God's sovereign purposes.
- The Hebrew phrase Sukkat Shalom is Shelter of peace in English.
- The Lord loves you with the same love that He had for Jesus.
- The Hebrew name Hoshana Rabbah refers to the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Discussion Questions

1. When does man gain a knowledge that there is a God, according to John 7:28?
2. In this dangerous world, can anything affect us outside of God's permission? How does this chapter in John help us understand this?
3. Write about the thing that was done on the last day of Tabernacles. What did the priests do with the water. What did it stand for immediately, and in the future?
4. Given the great Messianic expectation of the festival, how did Jesus' words impact them? What was He saying about Himself and who He was? What was He saying they would receive from Him?
5. The theme of the feast was thanksgiving. What does God want us to do in application of this lesson? What are things that attempt to steal your joy and how will you deal with them?