

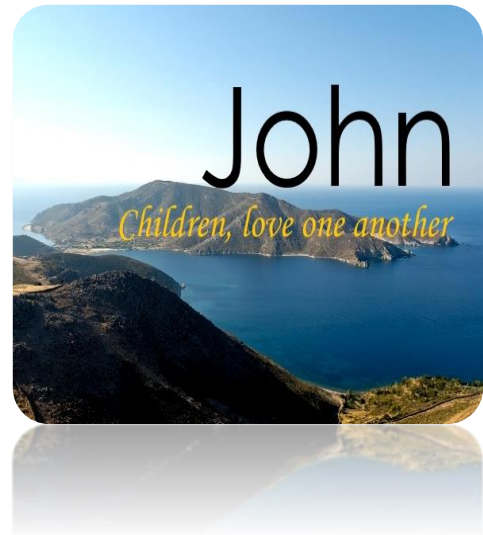
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Solomon wrote: a friend loves at all times, a brother is born for adversity... a man with friends, shepherds; there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother -- **Proverbs 17,18**.

¹ **After these things Jesus walked in Galilee** / Isaiah called this place: Galilee of the nations. Matthew wrote: His fame went throughout all Syria -- a region mentioned 8 times in the NT; we often forget how far-reaching... throughout the Middle East the words of all the prophets were proclaimed for centuries. Here, Jesus the good Teacher who just taught and feed the 5,000... many who heard the swirling rumors that during the recent fierce storm blowing across the sea, Jesus walked on water: His fame extending throughout Syria... of all places!



but He would not walk in Judea, because the Jewish leaders sought to kill Him.

² **Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was at hand** / **we know from Zechariah, this Feast Day will be celebrated when Messiah comes in great glory**, when the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled... and He comes to reign in His millennial kingdom. The LORD told Moses: 3 times during the year, males were to appear in Jerusalem with a sacrifice. This is the 3rd annual festival also called: **the Feast of Ingathering** that began on the **Day of Trumpets**, followed by the **Day of Atonement** / of afflicting souls... and ending, the **Day of Tabernacles**... this festival lasts at least 2 weeks in the autumn of the year.

The Feast of Tabernacles / of Ingathering... was near.

³ **His brothers therefore said to Him** / the ½ brothers and sisters... born of Mary and Joseph after Jesus, somewhat chiding, maybe sarcastic; Mark writes: they wanted to seize Him; they thought He was beside himself, now they would say: He was out of His mind -- **Mark 3**. Can you imagine? They probably thought many things about their Brother... but they didn't know He was the Lord of glory... the kindest Man to ever walk this planet... full of grace and truth: who created and holds all things together by the word of His power: Jesus came in great humility and grew up in a family full of sibling rivals. It was written: consider him who endured such contradiction of sinners against himself -- **Hebrews 12**,

His brethren therefore said to Him / as they anticipated this last solemn, joyous festival of the year;

Depart from here, and go to Judea / probably more like, Get off your butt and go to **Judea** so your nerdy disciples also may see the works **You** do.

⁴ **For no one who does anything in secret, especially when he himself wants to be known publicly.**

If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.

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⁵ For his brethren did **not** believe Him.

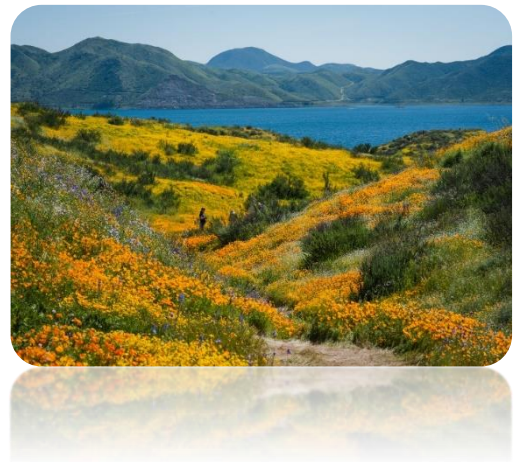
⁶ Then Jesus said to them, **My time has not yet arrived** / Moses was told about **7 Days** that belonged to the LORD. Clearly Jesus, the good Teacher... knew **the 6th Day of the Lord**, the Day of Atonement / afflicting souls... was not to be confused with His life as our Passover Lamb. From our perspective, the first **4 Days of the Lord** are complete. But the last **3 Days of the Lord**... during this Feast of Ingathering... won't be complete until Messiah comes the second time... in great power and glory.

To His ½ brothers and sisters He says:

My time has not yet arrived, but your time is always opportune.

⁷ The world cannot hate you; but it hates Me, because I **testify** of it, that its deeds are evil / **martyreo**... it's a verb, an action word; sadly this word fails in the English translation... and halts on the idea of: **talk**, usually **cheap talk**, though at its root is: **martyr**. What Jesus said was not cheap talk. He had to walk cautiously, so that He wasn't betrayed prematurely; and so He willingly risked His life, even to forfeit His life.

⁸ Go up to this festival yourselves: I do not go yet to this festival, because My time has **not** yet fully come / He knew He was the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world; Jesus had to guard His steps to fulfill all that was written of Him.



⁹ And saying these words to them, He remained in Galilee.

¹⁰ But when His brethren went to the festival, then by Himself, He also went, not publicly, but in secret.

So while Jesus walked the 80 miles... a 4- or 5-day journey south to Jerusalem.

¹¹ Then the Jewish leaders searched for Him at the festival, and asked, Where is He?

¹² And there was much whispering among the crowd concerning Him / among the enormous mixed group of friends and foes; faithful and hocus pocus; informed and ignorant all speculating about Him:

for some said, He is a good man: others said, No; He deceives the people.

¹³ However no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jewish leaders / they knew they could be threatened and sentenced with escalating levels of: censure, public humiliation and excommunication.

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