

“A Storm is Brewing”

John 7

1. There were three strong visual features of the Feast of Tabernacles.

- a. The practice of erecting tents
- b. Ceremony of the outpouring of water
- c. Light in the Temple

2. During the festival, the people were divided about Jesus

- a. The Jewish leaders were trying to kill Jesus
- b. Jesus' brothers were cynical about Him

“For those out of Christ, time is a devouring beast, before the sons of the new creation, it crouches and purrs and licks their hands.”

- A.W. Tozer

- c. The crowds were puzzled about Him
- d. The religious leaders rejected Jesus

3. In the midst of confusion, Jesus gives a refreshing invitation

A SERIES OF MIRACLES (7 SIGNS) ESCALATING IN IMPORTANCE

1. Turning water to wine at the wedding in Cana (2:1-11)
2. Healing of the official's son (4:46-54)
3. Healing at the pool of Bethesda (5:1-15)
4. The feeding of the multitude (6:5-14)
5. The walk on the water (6:16-21)
6. The healing of the blind man (9:1-12)
7. The raising of Lazarus (11:1-44)

SEVEN "I AM'S"

1. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35)
2. "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:5)
3. "I am the gate for the sheep" (John 10:7, 9)
4. "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:14)
5. "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)
6. "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6)
7. "I am the true vine" (John 15:1, 5)

FESTIVAL CYCLE

1. **Passover** Feast (in the Spring) John 6
2. Feast of **Pentecost** (7 weeks later)
3. Feast of **Tabernacles** (in the Autumn) John 7-10
4. *Sabbath* (weekly didn't require travel) John 5