

John 7:1-13

John 7:1 – “After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.”

A. Jewry is the land of Judaea according to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible (Strong’s #2449).

1. The same Greek term (Ioudaia) is most often translated as “Judaea” in the KJV (**Matthew 2:1, Matthew 2:5, Matthew 2:22, Matthew 3:1, Matthew 3:5, Matthew 4:25, Matthew 19:1, Matthew 24:16, Mark 1:5, Mark 3:7, Mark 10:1, Mark 13:14, Luke 1:5, Luke 1:65, Luke 2:4, Luke 3:1, Luke 5:17, Luke 6:17, Luke 7:17, Luke 21:21, John 3:22, John 4:3, John 4:47, John 4:54, John 7:3, John 11:7, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:9, Acts 8:1, Acts 9:31, Acts 10:37, Acts 11:29, Acts 12:19, Acts 15:1, Acts 21:10, Acts 26:20, Acts 28:21, Romans 15:31, II Corinthians 1:16, Galatians 1:22, and I Thessalonians 2:14**).

2. Outside of **John 7:1**, I could only find one other occasion wherein this Greek term was translated as “Jewry” in the KJV (**Luke 23:5**).

3. The English word “Jewry” is used once in the Old Testament (**Daniel 5:13**; KJV) being translated from the Aramaic word “Yhuwd” (Strong’s # 3061).

4. That Aramaic word is translated as “Judah” (**Ezra 5:1, Ezra 7:14, Daniel 2:25, Daniel 5:13, and Daniel 6:13**) or “Judea” (**Ezra 5:8**) in other places of the KJV Old Testament.

B. Jesus would not walk in the land of Judaea because the Jews sought to kill Him (**Matthew 16:21** and **I Thessalonians 2:14-16**).

1. Jesus would not allow Himself to be killed before His work was finished on this earth (**Matthew 12:14-15, Luke 9:51, Luke 22:53, and John 13:1-3**).

2. Sadly, the Jews willingly accepted the blood of Christ being upon their hands (**Matthew 27:19-25**).

3. The Lord expects us to flee from harm if such is possible (**Matthew 10:22-23, Acts 9:24-25, and Acts 17:5-10**).

John 7:2-9 – “(2) Now the Jews’ feast of tabernacles was at hand. (3) His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. (4) For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. (5) For neither did his brethren believe in him. (6) Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. (7) The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. (8) Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. (9) When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.”

A. The time was coming soon for the feast of tabernacles (**Leviticus 23:34-43**).

1. Jesus’ physical brothers (**Matthew 13:55**) wanted Jesus to go into Judea to show the disciples more works (**John 10:37-38** and **John 14:11**).

2. Jesus' brothers call on him to do things openly, which Jesus certainly had done already and would do more of (**John 18:20** and **Acts 26:22-26**).
3. This request came because even his own brothers did not believe in Him because miracles do not necessarily bring faith (**John 12:37**).
 - a. God's people often find our families are not with us (**Psalms 69:7-8, Micah 7:5-6, Matthew 10:34-37, and Luke 21:15-17**).
 - b. It must be noted that the brothers of our Lord will come around (**Acts 1:13-14** and **I Corinthians 9:5**).
 - c. Jesus did not hold His physical family above His spiritual family (**Mark 3:31-35**).

B. As we discussed earlier, this was not the time for Jesus to be delivered for death (**John 7:30** and **John 8:20**).

1. He tells his brethren that their time is always ready (**II Timothy 3:12**).
2. Jesus explained to his brothers that they would not be hated as He is hated because He testifies against the world (**Proverbs 15:12, Jeremiah 20:8, and John 3:19-21**).
 - a. At this stage they were not teaching and walking in the ways of the Master to be hated like Jesus. That time will come (**Luke 6:22-23, John 15:18-20, and II Timothy 3:12**).
 - b. It is not a good statement for their level of faith when Jesus is telling them they will not be hated in Judea (**Luke 6:26**).
 - c. If the world, in it's status of sin (**I John 2:15-17**) will listen to us, that is not a good statement about us (**I John 4:1-6**).

John 7:10-13 – *“(10) But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. (11) Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? (12) And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. (13) Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.”*

- A. Jesus went to the feast, but not in the open (**John 5:10-13**).
 1. They were looking for Jesus at the feast (**John 11:55-57**).
 2. The fact that they thought they could subtly take Jesus shows they did not realize who He is (**John 2:24**).
- B. The people were divided concerning Jesus (**John 9:16** and **John 10:19-21**).
 1. Had they truly listened to our Lord they would have all known He is good (**Luke 6:45**).
 2. The division over the work of Christ always abounds (**Luke 12:51, Acts 14:3-4, and Acts 28:23-31**).