

## John 7:37-8:59 • Simchat Torah

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1. (7:37-39) Draws on the imagery of Ezekiel 47 which teaches about Messiah's **Millennial Reign**.
2. (7:40-42) They expected the Messiah to come at this time but expected Him to come according to their **own desires**.
3. (7:43-53) Jesus is speaking **spiritually**, the people are thinking **physically**.
4. (8:1-11) Although the people have the **Law**, they misapply the **Law**.
5. (8:12-20) They were unwilling to accept any **testimony** or **witness** where Christ was concerned.
6. (8:21-27) No one understands the meaning of Christ's teaching until they accept Him as **Messiah**.
7. (8:28-30) Just as Christ's Word and actions were an imitation of the **Father's**, so ours must be of **Christ's** if we believe Him.
8. (8:31-32) It's not how you **feel** about the Word but how you put it into **practice**.
9. (8:33-46) **NOT** putting the Word into practice and pursuing habitual sin results in having the wrong spiritual **father**.
10. (8:47-55) **ALL** of God's Word is fulfilled for us only if we prove we "know" Christ by **keeping** His Word.
11. (8:56-59) It always comes down to accepting Christ as nothing less than the **Son of God**.

Celebration #1: The Feast of Booths – The Millennial Reign of the Messiah

Celebration #2: The "Simchat Torah" – "The Joy of the Torah"

Celebration #3: Hanukah – The Festival of Miracles and Light

12. (Lev.23:42-24:7)

- a. John 7 is the fulfillment of Leviticus 23, the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths)
  - b. John 8 is the fulfillment of Leviticus 24, the Simchat Torah and the new holiday Hanukah
  - c. First comes the **grain** (the Word), then the **oil** (illumination by the Spirit), then **worship**. There is no "**doxology**" without "**theology**".
13. (Lev. 24:10-15) The greater spiritual meaning behind stoning is an illustration of **condemnation** by the Law, illustrating why we need a **Savior**.
- a. The stones stored on Solomon's porch were the broken altar desecrated by Antiochus Epiphanes IV.
  - b. The people expected the Messiah to return during Hanukah and tell them what to do with the stones.
  - c. Their picking them up to stone the very Messiah who came when expected was the ultimate rejection of **God's Word**, both the Law and its fulfillment in Christ.