

The background features a dense pattern of autumn leaves in shades of brown, orange, and yellow. A central horizontal band has a parchment-like texture with subtle variations in tone and some faint leaf patterns. The text is centered within this band.

GIVE THANKS

Our Season of Joy - John 7



## **John 7:**

**1 After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. 3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. 4 "For no**





## **John 7:**

**one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." 5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.**

# Time For Celebration?

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- Difficult times come
  - Natural and human disasters
  - Jesus was being hunted/hated!
  - Even the members of His family...

# Time of Booths

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- Established by Moses
  - Week long festival dwelling in ‘huts’
  - Reminder of wanderings in desert
  - “The” Feast of the Jews - public
  - But also much more – remember!

# Time of Celebration!

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- When the Temple existed:
  - Solomon 1Ki 8; Nehemiah/Ezra Ne 8
  - Building of booths
  - Illumination of the Temple – 4 stands
  - Water-drawing ceremony – Siloam



## Leviticus 23:

**39** ‘On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day. **40** ‘Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.



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# Time of Challenge

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- Jesus among the people secretly
  - Not yet His time in full
  - Looking for Him, but not seeing Him!
  - He begins teaching among them
  - And they question His 'degree'! (15)



## **John 7:**

**28 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. 29 "I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me." 30 So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. 31 But many of the crowd believed in Him;**

# Time of LIFE!

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- Do His will, know the teaching is true!
  - Not mental considerations or theories
  - “I know Him...”
  - Jesus came to make Him known to us
  - As the feast comes to a close...



## John 7

**37 ¶ Now 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. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 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.**