John 7:1

Jesus grew up in Galilee. There he began his service of miracles and teaching.

In Judea was Jerusalem, Israel's capital city. There the Jew's religious and political leaders ruled. They hated Jesus.



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Think about John 7:1.

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

1. Sometimes Jesus would not perform his works in Judea. Why?

Think about John 5:18.

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him (Jesus), because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

- 1. Why were the Jewish rulers seeking to kill Jesus?
- 2. What is a reason they hated Jesus? Mark 15:9-10

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Think about John 7:6.

Jesus said to them (his brothers), "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here."

- 1. What was it not yet time for Jesus to do? John 12:27-28
- 2. What is it always time for people to do? 2Corinthians 6:1-2

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Think about John 7:7.

(Jesus said to his brothers) "The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil."

Note: In this context "the world" is the multitude of humans who live on earth, who do not know God and therefore do evil deeds.

1. How does this world feel about Jesus the Christ? Why?

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Think about <u>Luke 4:5-7</u>.

And the devil took him (Jesus) up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

- 1. Who is the present ruler of this world?
- 2. What is one way he gets people to obey him?

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Think about 1 John 2:15-17.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world -- the desires of the flesh, and the desires of the eyes, and pride of life -- is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

- 1. What two things are God's children told not to love?
- 2. What three things are said to be in the world? From where do these things come?
- 3. What is true of anyone who loves the world?
- 4. What is happening to the world and its desires?
- 5. What happens to those who do the will of God?