

John 7 — His Hour, Not Their Hands

John 7:30 (with 8:20 · 10:18 · 12:23) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

In John 7, Jesus teaches out in the open at the Feast of Tabernacles while the authorities try to seize him — and they can't. John hands us the reason in a single phrase: "no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come" (7:30). It isn't that Jesus outran his enemies; it's that his life moved on a schedule his Father had set. John sounds the very same note a chapter later — "no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come" (8:20) — and then he lets the clock strike: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (12:23). Today's reading is about the quiet sovereignty of Jesus over his own life and death: not one hand moves against him a moment early, and in the end no one takes his life from him at all. As he says it himself, "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (10:18). Watch this week for the comfort hidden in that — the same Lord who held the hour holds yours.

GO DEEPER — STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Take a pen through the Gospel of John and mark every place the word "hour" appears. Read the "my hour has not yet come" verses first (**2:4 · 7:30 · 8:20**), then the "the hour has come" verses (**12:23 · 13:1 · 17:1**), in that order. Watch exactly where the clock turns — and ask what it tells you about who was really in charge on the road to the cross.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in John: 7:30 · 8:20 · 10:18 · 12:23 · 13:1 · 17:1 · 19:11

Other Gospels: Luke 22:53

Rest of Scripture: Acts 2:23 · Acts 4:27–28 · Psalm 31:15

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

I Have Authority to Lay It Down and I Have Authority to Take It Up Again

John Piper — Desiring God

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/i-have-authority-to-lay-it-down-and-i-have-authority-to-take-it-up-again>

On John 10:18 — Jesus' own authority over his death and resurrection; no one takes his life from him.

The Glorification of the Son of Man

Ligonier Ministries

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/glorification-of-the-son-man>

On the "hour" of Jesus — the appointed hour of his death is also the hour of his glory.

Expository Thoughts on John — Chapter 7

J.C. Ryle

<https://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/j07.htm>

On John 7 — "They had the will to hurt him... but they had not the power": God's restraint over Jesus' enemies until the hour.