

JESUS WAS SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES

John 7



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Have you ever felt **singled out** by all the people around you?

Have you ever felt **bullied** or **hated** for no reason?

Have you ever felt **all alone** in the world?

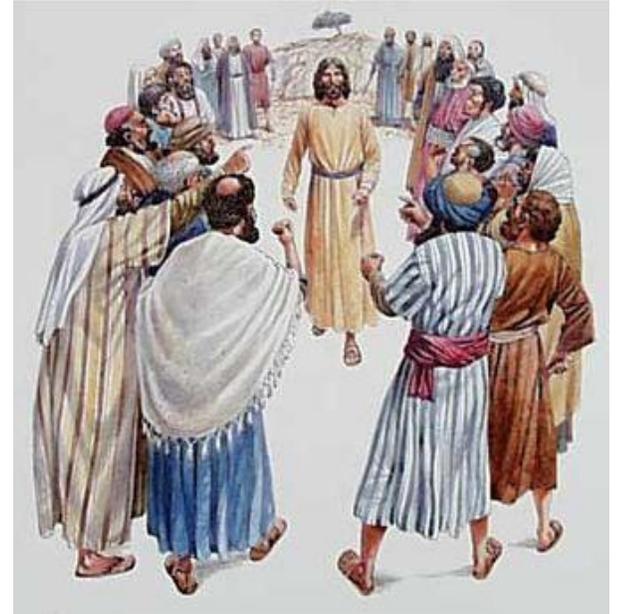
The **psalmist** felt that way too (Psalm 3:6; 27:1-3)

In John 7 we can find all that and more happened to Jesus...

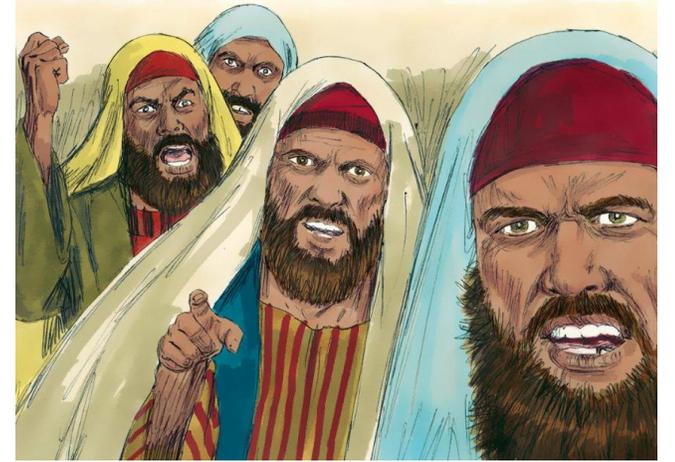


You Think You Had a Bad Day eh?

- Jesus' own **people** did not receive Him (7:1; 1:11)
- His own **family** did not believe in Him (7:5)
- His enemies even gone so far on plotting to **kill** Him
- Your “bad” day does not seems so bad after all, isn't it?
- But what should we do when we feel the walls are closing in around us? How did Jesus not just survive, but **thrive** in such time? How did He stay focus in ministry? (ill: out of bed)



Jesus Knows Who He Is



- Jesus knows **who He is** (v.6-8; 28-29, the 7 "I AM") and what He was **called to do**
- Do you know **who you are**? (Eph. 1:3-14) What define your **identity**?
- It cannot be fun if someone says you have a demon (v.20). **Name callings** or any form of hurtful sayings cannot change our identity, unless we let that to define who we are...and that is exactly what they want of you.
- Moreover, Jesus clearly knows His **calling** and His **value** in God (v. 37-38). Do you?

Jesus Loves His Enemies



- Finally, Jesus **loves** the people (John 3:16-17; Eph. 2:4-7)
- He **went** to them in spite of their desire to kill Him. **Duty** alone cannot be strong enough for that, nor **willpower**...
- (Rom. 5:6-8) Only **love** is strong enough for that
- Unless you can **find it in God** to love your enemies, you will never find **genuine forgiveness** toward them and meaningful **ministry** among them (1 John 4:7-11)

It Shall Come to Pass...



- Notice the infighting and disagreement among the **crowd**
- The people never **all** rise against you. That just never happens, not even for Jesus.
- It may look like the whole world is against you, look again 😊 Rest assure that **God is on your side**. (Gen. 28:15) Most likely you also **overlook** the people that has never stop supporting you
- Remember, Jesus knows **who He is**, who His **Father** is, and He **loves** His people in the mist of enemies. Do you?