

RISK !



Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6



Shelters from Modern Feast of Booths



Jesus in the Lions' Den

John 7



Journey to the Lions' Den



The Setting of John, ESV Study Bible

John 7:1-13

- Summary: Jesus secretly traveled from Galilee to Jerusalem, as required by the Mosaic Law, and entered the hostile environment of the Feast of Booths.



Jesus entered the lions' den by teaching at the temple

Four Controversies

(Disagreements about Jesus)

7:15-18, teaching

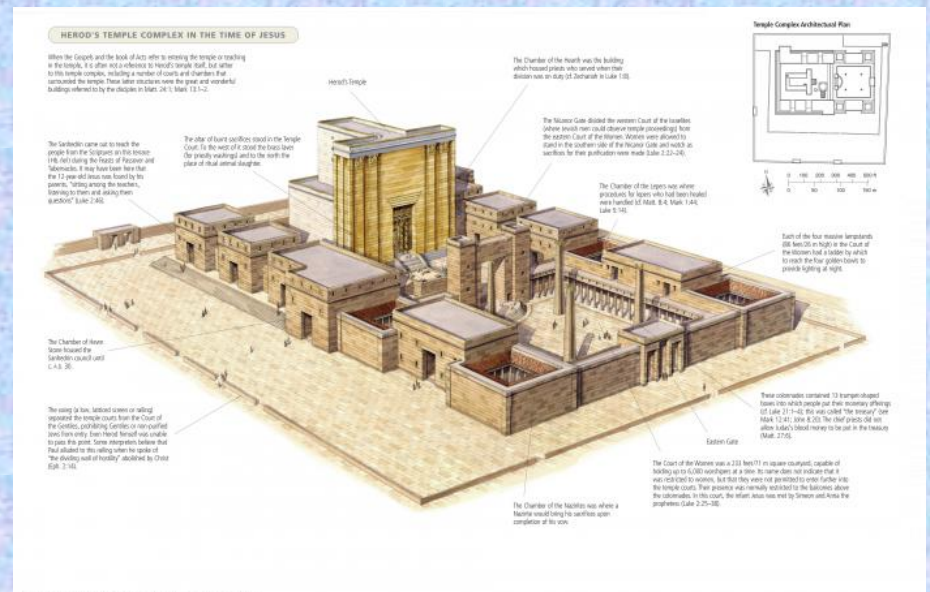
7:19-24, healing

7:25-31, identity

7:32-36, departure

Herod's Temple Complex

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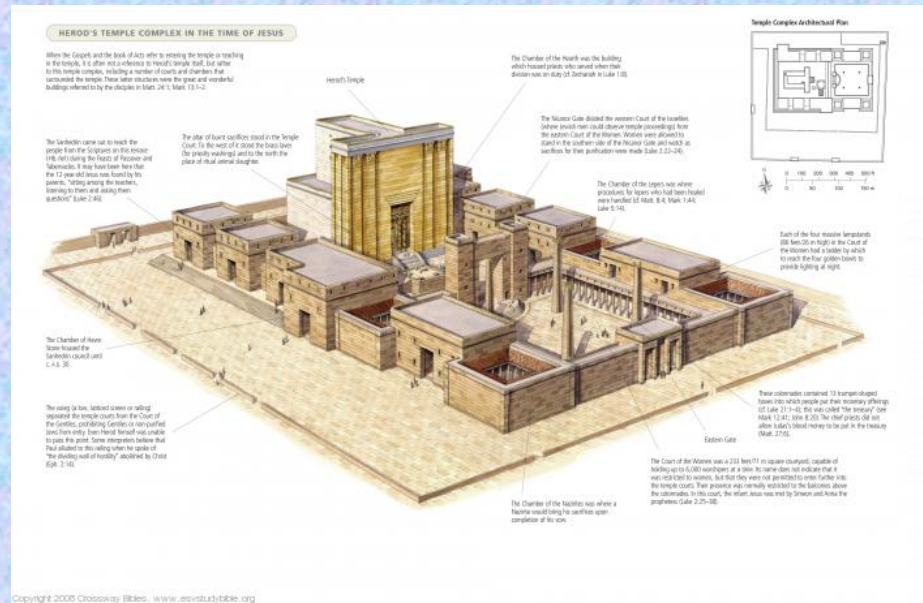


John 7:14-36

- **Summary:** Jesus taught in the temple during the feast, amazing the Jews, exposing their desire to kill Him, and reaffirming His heavenly origin and return. Many of the multitude believed in Him.

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John 7:37-52

**God shut the lions' mouths, as He did
in Daniel's day**



John 7:37-52

- **Summary:** At the climax of the feast Jesus called for belief in Himself which would result in the indwelling ministry of the Spirit in believers after Jesus' glorification.



John 7:37-52 Summary Continued

- **Though some wanted to seize Him, even the temple guards returned impressed by Jesus' words. The Pharisees rebuked them, but they in turn were rebuked by Nicodemus.**



John 7 Summary

- **Jesus' teaching at the temple during the Feast of Tabernacles was a risky venture of obedience that Jesus undertook, trusting God's care, as He (Jesus) revealed more of God's truth...**

John 7 Summary Continued

- ...including the future ministry of the Spirit through believers. This was in contrast to the murderous intent of the Jewish leaders who could not seize Him because **His hour** had not yet come.

RISK !

- When in obedience to the call of God on our lives, we enter into risk for the sake of Christ and the Gospel, we can trust God to shut the mouths of the lions we will face...
- Until *our hour* should come.

- **We can have peace in our hearts in risky situations, knowing that God will protect our life and care for us until our ministry on this earth is done.**

- **If everyday matters involve risk, then surely the most important thing in life, serving Christ, is worthy of wisely taking risks, trusting in His sovereign plan for our lives.**