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Did Jesus Lie to His Brothers?

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Scripture repeatedly testifies that Jesus never sinned. The prophet Isaiah, speaking as if Jesus had already lived and died, said that the Savior “had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth” (53:9). The apostle Peter quoted from Isaiah in his first epistle (2:22), and added that Jesus was “a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19). Paul wrote to the Corinthians how Jesus “knew no sin” (2 Corinthians 5:21). What’s more, according to Hebrews 4:15, Jesus “was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). He was “pure” and “righteous” in the supreme sense (1 John 3:3; 2:1). Simply put, Jesus was perfect; He never transgressed God’s law.

If Jesus never sinned, and specifically never lied, some wonder why Jesus told his brothers, “I do **not** go up to this feast [the Feast of Tabernacles]” (John 7:8, NASB), if later, “when His brothers had gone...He Himself also went” (7:10, NASB)? Some allege that, in this instance, Jesus “broke his word” and “lied” (McKinsey, 2000, p. 787), and thus was not the Son of God as He claimed. What is the truth of the matter?

First of all, several early manuscripts of the gospel of John, including p66 and p75 (believed to be from as early as the late second and early third centuries), have Jesus saying, “I am not **yet** [*oupo*] going up to this feast,” rather than “I do **not** [*ouk*] go up to this feast.” Thus, it may be that the correct rendering is found in the KJV, NKJV, and NIV, rather than the ASV, NASB, and RSV.

Second, even if Jesus did say at one point to His brothers, “I do not go up to this feast,” but later He went, that still does not mean that He lied. Suppose a co-worker saw me leaving the office at 2:00 p.m. and asked me, “Are you going home?” and I said, “No,” but later went home that day at 5:00 p.m. Have I lied? Not at all. When I left the office at 2:00 p.m., I went to run a quick errand—I did not go home. When I departed the office at 5:00 p.m., however, I went home. “No” is often truthfully used in a time-sensitive manner. Simply because at 2:00 p.m. I said I was not going home, does not mean I could not go home at 5:00 p.m. My “no” meant “I’m not going home **at the present**.” Similarly, if Jesus used the term “not” [*ouk*] rather than “not yet” [*oupo*], He could just as easily been implying the same thing: “I am not going to the feast **at the present**.”

At the proper time, after Jesus “remained in Galilee” for a while (7:9), He **did** go to the feast. The proper time was **not** when his unbelieving brothers told Him to “depart” (John 7:5), but when the Son of God said it was time—a God-appointed time. Furthermore, His attendance at the feast was **not** for the purpose that His brothers envisioned (to show Himself to the world—7:3-4), rather Jesus went to the feast “not openly, but as it were **in secret**” (7:10, emp. added).

Just as we often say, “I am not going,” but mean “I am not going **yet**,” Jesus had every right to use that same kind of language. Although Jesus embodied truth (John 14:6) and always told the truth (1 Peter 2:22), He still used figures of speech and language men commonly understood—some even today.

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Pray for our Church family:

Keep Wanda in your prayers as she recovers from a recent fall. For those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough, Betty Johnson and Lucy McDonald. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuart’s cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins’ family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and Tony Cairo and Glenn Fields.

Prayer Warriors Corner

God, thank You for Your promises. Let us work at looking past the little things to the big picture. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Toni Perry; August 2020

Read: Psalms 139:13-18

News:

*Individually wrapped **communion supplies** will continue to be available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).*

Community Food Bank continues to need support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

In Search of the Lord’s Way

Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.
<https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

**Scripture readings:
John 7:1-9**

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, Jesus’ brothers said to him, “You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” For even his own brothers did not believe in him. Therefore Jesus told them, “The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come.” Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

Sermon topic:

“The bumpy road to belief”



Birthdays:

Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Lorenzo Serrano:	10/2
Leo Goodenough:	10/12
Camelia Munn:	10/22

Worship service: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Wear a mask or cloth face covering

Please bring your own bible

I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately there are some who do not feel comfortable with in-person worship at this time.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

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God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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