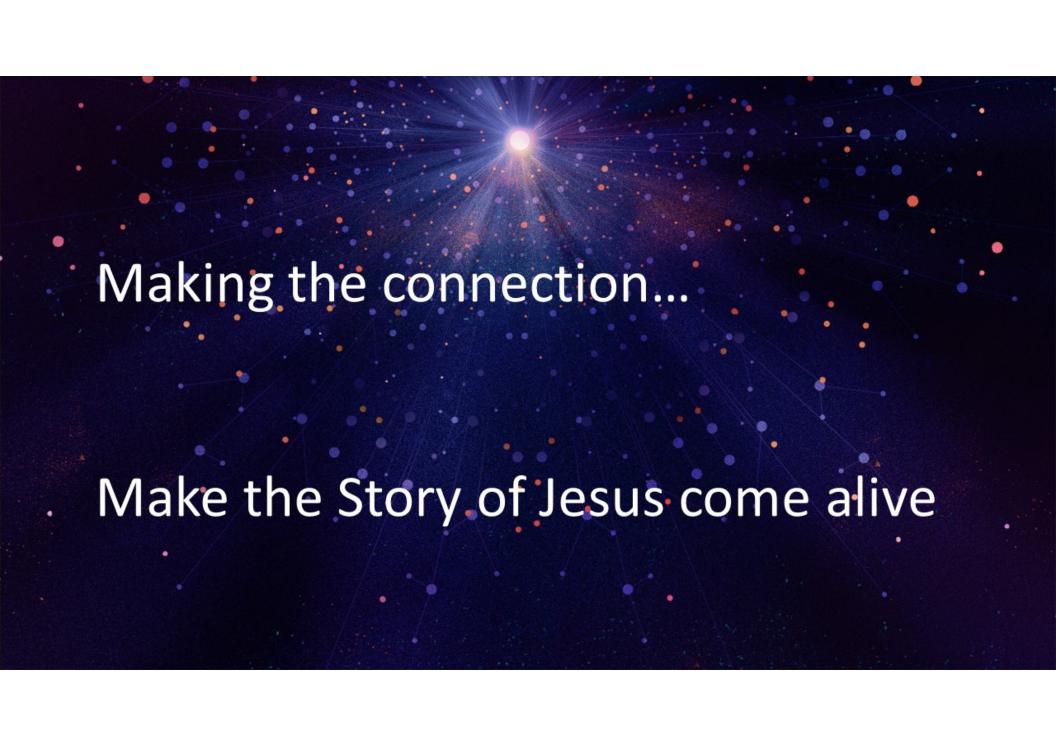
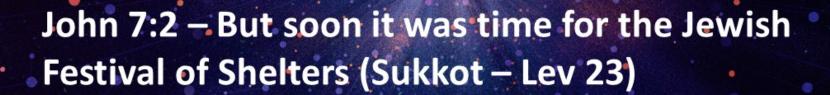


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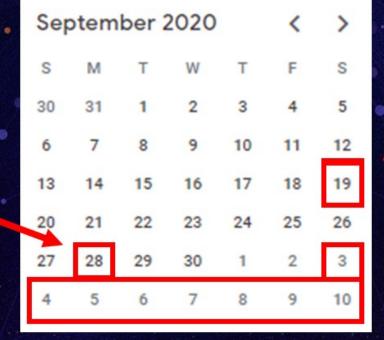
Eden Gen 3 Wilderness wanderings (Lev 23)

Messianic Prophecy Zech 14 Fulfillment of God's heart Rev 21:3

Jesus enters the scene

### John 7:2 – But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters (Sukkot – Lev 23)

**Day of Atonement** 



**Festival of Trumpets** 

**Festival of Shelters** 

(See Zech 14)

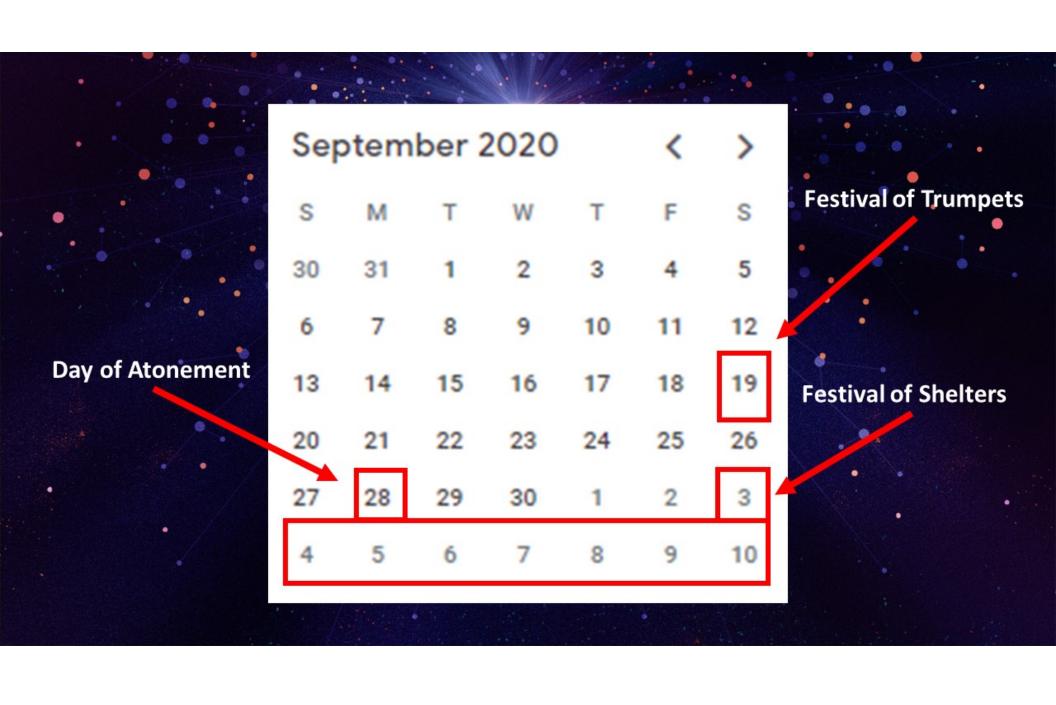
#### Zech 14

- A day of the Lord is coming
- The Messiah (Lord) will fight on behalf of Israel
- His feet will touch the Mount of Olives and split it into two
- Sun and moon won't shine yet it will be as bright as day
- Living water will flow from Jerusalem
- The Messiah will establish Himself as King on David's throne
- All nations on earth will celebrate the festival of Shelters

#### How this knowledge ties in to John 7

Jn 7:21, 23 – I did one miracle on the Sabbath and you were amazed...why should you be angry with me for healing a man on the Sabbath? (Jn 5:1–Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals)

Jn 7:3-4 – Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea...show yourself to the world (to become famous).



#### Listen to how the crowds talk about Jesus

- He is a good man.
- How does he know so much?
- Could our leaders possibly believe that he is the Messiah?
- The Messiah comes from the line of David and will come from Bethlehem (not Galilee). – Micah 5:2
- Would you expect the Messiah to do more miraculous signs than this man has done?
- This man is "THE PROPHET" we have been expecting. Deut 18
- He is the Messiah!
- We have never heard anyone speak like this!

- He is nothing but a fraud who deceives the people.
- You are demon possessed!
- Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?
- When the Messiah comes he will just appear; no one will know where he comes from. – Zech 14
- Some even wanted to arrest him.

Do you hear the Messianic expectation?



John 7:43 – the crowd was divided (confusion and debate)

John7:45-52 — the Pharisees were angry beyond reason

### Let's Get Personal for a Moment

John 7:31 – Many among the crowds at the Temple believed in him.

- John 7:38 Rivers of living water will flow from the heart of anyone who believes in me
  - Zechariah 14:8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem..

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