

▼ **Jesus - Timing Is Everything**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ **Transition**

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- We are beginning John 7.
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▼ **Thoughts**

▼ **Video**

- [Chase: We Talkin' Bout Cashbacking I Chase Freedom Unlimited](#) - YouTube (00:00:30)
- [Talking About Making Disciples](#) - YouTube (00:00:25)

▼ **Acts 2:42-43 - The 4 Devotions:**

- The apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer
- **Cultural Rivers**

▼ **Overview**

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▼ Opening Material

▼ Why are we here?

- Acts 2:29-39 - Spoken to Jews

"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah**, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. **God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**"

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "**Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

- Acts 17:29-31 - Spoken to Gentiles

"Therefore, since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.**"

▼ Welcome to John!

▼ Video

- [Bible Project: John 1-12](#) - (00:08:46)

- John 20:30-31

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- John 21:25

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

▼ Embrace Jesus' Mission

▼ Jesus' mission, (expressed in the synoptic gospels) still applies.

- Matthew 4:17 – “Repent, for the Kingdom of God has come near!”
- Mark 1:14-15 – “The Kingdom of God has come near . . .”
- Luke 4:14-21 – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . .”

▼ Feed on the Life of Jesus

- Are you “worded up”?
- Eat his flesh; Drink his blood - John 6:53-59; 2 Samuel 23:13-17
- Does the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16 - KJV)?

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▼ **Video:**

- [Discipleship.ORG: Key Disciple Making Definitions for Church Leaders](#) - YouTube (00:05:26)

▼ **Making Disciples:**

▼ **A Disciple is someone who is:**

- Following Jesus
- Being changed by Jesus
- Committed to the mission of Jesus
- **We want to establish a disciple-making community.**

▼ **Video:**

- [The Ministers Corner: Part 1/3: Inductive Bible Study Method \(Observation\)](#) - YouTube (00:06:27)
- [The Ministers Corner: Part 2/3: Inductive Bible Study \(Interpretation\)](#) - YouTube (00:11:50)
- [The Ministers Corner: Part 3/3: Inductive Bible Study \(Application\)](#) - YouTube (00:07:18)
- [Bible Project: Eternal Life](#) - YouTube (00:05:30)

▼ John 7:1-13

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However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?"

Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man."

Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

▼ Narrative

- Jesus travels around in Galilee rather than Judea because the Jewish leaders in Judea want to kill him.
- As the time for the Feast of Tabernacles approached, Jesus' brothers encouraged him to head back to Judea so that his disciples could see his miraculous deeds. His own brothers did not believe in him.
- Jesus explains that his time has not yet come, the world hates him, but doesn't hate them, and he is not going up to the festival.
- After Jesus' brothers leave for the festival, Jesus travels there too, in secret.
- The Jewish leaders at the festival are wondering where Jesus is.
- The crowds have mixed opinions about Jesus, but they won't say anything publicly out of fear of the leaders.

▼ Observations

- Galilee, north of Jerusalem, is Jesus' home base - where he does the bulk of his ministry.
- Jews would travel to Jerusalem for 3 annual feasts: Tabernacles, Passover, and Pentecost.
- Jesus' brothers seem to view him as merely a "would be" public figure and advise him to pursue publicity in a way that makes sense to them.
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▼ The Jewish leaders are seeking to kill Jesus because:

- He was healing on the Sabbath. - John 5:16-18
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- Jesus is carefully managing his story. He intends to fulfill his mission by dying and rising from the dead, but he is determined to die at exactly the right time - the 3rd Passover of his ministry career. He is not going to die early and he is not going to die late.
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- **Parallel & Related Passages**

- ▼ **Lessons**

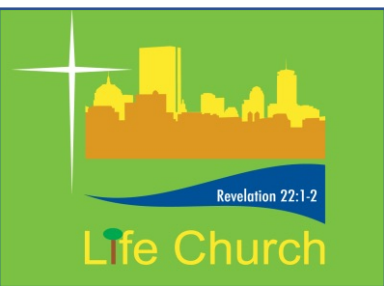
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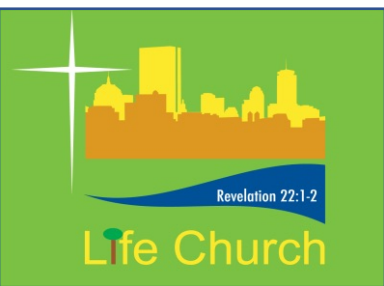


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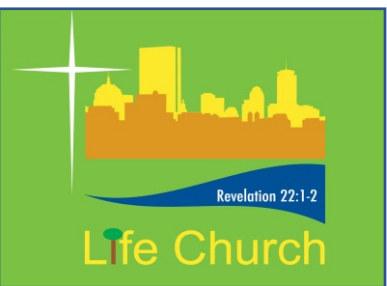
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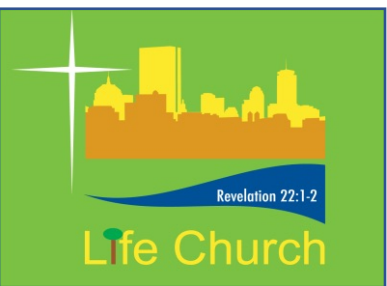
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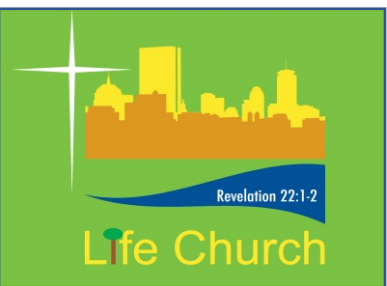


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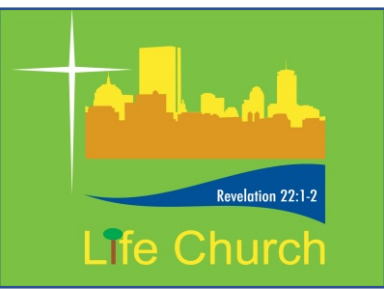
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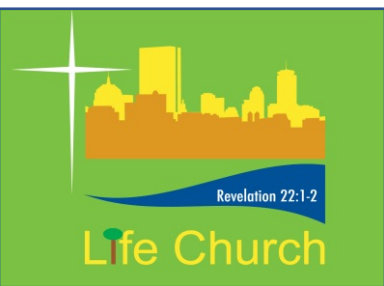
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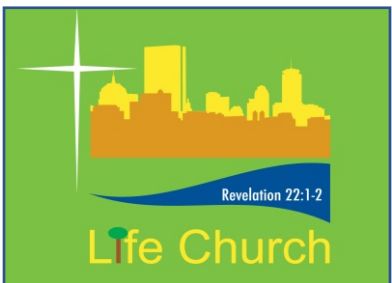


Announcements



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