

TODAY IS...

National Lost Dog Awareness Day

National Cherry Cheesecake Day

National Take a Chance Day

National Picnic Day

National Talk Like

Shakespeare Day



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Leviticus 23:33-42

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Festival (Feast) of Tabernacles

Festival (Feast) of Booths

SUKKOT

Scriptural Importance



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When: 15th day of the seventh month

What were they celebrating?

From a physical perspective this would have been a celebration of the final harvest before winter sets in

From a Historical perspective they are commemorating they days in the wilderness (Numbers 32:13**)**



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From a **Godly perspective** they were acknowledging that while this lived **in** the land, they were not **of** this land.



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A God Ordained Camping Trip

For seven days they were required leave behind their comforts and live in tents.

God Made NO Exemptions.

All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters.



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How Else Did They Celebrate

A sacred assembly and a day of rest from work

Daily sacrifices

For seven days present food offerings to the Lord

A Closing Ceremony

Daily Praise and Worship



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How does this connect to Jesus?

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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Jesus was the fulfillment of this festival

That phrase “**made his dwelling**” is from the Greek word “**skenoo**”

It doesn't mean: to live, with permanence. It's a word that denotes temporary or short-term residency.

It means: to dwell in a tent or tabernacle; to encamp; or (properly) to pitch or live in a tent.



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He Knew it was not His Permanent Address

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

John 18:36



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What does it say about faith in Jesus?

God is our shelter (*Revelation 7:15*)

Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

**God’s Instructions are Rarely
Comfortable or Convenient**



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Not Convenient or Comfortable

Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Matthew 8:20

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Luke 18:22



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Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

John 17:14-16



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In the World but Not of the World

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

John 17:14-16



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HOW WE CELEBRATE

The background of the slide is a dark blue night sky with a full moon in the upper right corner. In the lower foreground, there is a yellow tent pitched on a dark surface, with a small campfire burning brightly next to it.

We tend to celebrate our humanity

Our celebrations usually cause us to add to our schedule leaving less time for God

Our celebrations mean spending money on ourselves not sacrificing to God

GOD DESIGNED CELEBRATION

How they were commanded to Celebrate

It was on **God's Timing**

It was **ALL** about God not just the traditions

It was **Days** not **Timeslots**

It was **Costly**: Workdays, Time, Travel, Resources, and even Comfort

It was **Messy, Sweaty, Smelly, Bloody**, and at times **Loud**

It was **Priority**

It was **NOT** Optional

It was **Interactive**
NOBODY just
showed up



LET US
TABERNACLE WITH JESUS

