

## The Opposition

John 7:1-24

Peripheral opponents

*John 7:1, 6:66*

Seeking recognition

*John 7:2-9*

The fear of opposition

*John 7:10-14; Matthew 19:14*

Satisfaction with being shallow

*John 7:16-24; Revelation 2:26-28, 3:21*

## Considerations for the week

Describe how Jesus' brothers understand His mission and how this affects their view of the significance of His actions. How might a clearer understanding of His identity affect these views?

John reports that Jesus went secretly to the feast. What does this teach us about the quiet, hidden ways God often works?

Jesus confronts the crowd for failing to keep the Law of Moses. Explain how this exposes the gap between possessing Scripture and practicing Scripture.

The people are quick to accuse Jesus of having a demon. What does this reveal about the human tendency to demonize what we fear or do not understand?

Jesus contrasts judging by appearances with judging with right judgment. What does this distinction look like in the life of a modern believer or congregation?

Explore what this passage reveals about the nature of true revelation – how God makes Himself known – and why some receive it while others resist it.

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.” – John 7:24, NIV**

Scripture read today during worship:

John 7:1–24

Proverbs 3:5–6

## Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

## Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn 96

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *That's Why We Praise Him*

Hymn

*There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn 101, *His Name Is Wonderful*

Hymn 102, *There's Something  
About That Name*

Hymn 105, *He Is Lord*

Message

Hymn of response 381, *He Is Lord*

Benediction

Postlude

## Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
Resumes August 18

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu:

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Resumes August 26

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm  
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am  
Meets next week, September 5

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

### Women's Bible study

begins September 8

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<https://rtbc.faith>

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**Templegram** Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org).

**Church Conference** There will be a regular church conference held in person at the church today, August 23, 2026, at 12:45 pm. Contact the church office for information.

### The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

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