

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising YHVH for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

+ **Yeshua's Celebration of Sukkot**

Father reads John 7:2-11, 14, 28-30 and John 8:12.

But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, Yeshua's 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 Yeshua 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.

Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for Him and asking, "Where is that man?" Not until halfway through the Feast did Yeshua go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. Then Yeshua, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "*Yes, you know Me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on My own, but He who sent Me is true. You do not know Him, but I know Him because I am from Him and He sent Me.*"

At this they tried to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His time had not yet come.

When Yeshua spoke again to the people, He said, "*I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life.*"

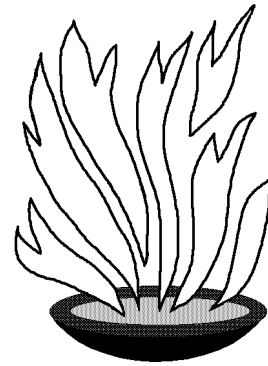
Father then speaks a prayer of Thanksgiving and blessing!

A one-circuit march around the sukkah with the four species is done the first six days, a seven-circuit march is done the seventh day to remind us how YHVH gave Joshua victory over Jericho.

(Read from Psalms 113 - 118 during the march.)

+ **Erev Zman Simkhatenu** +

(Light Ceremony - Yeshua's Birth)



+ **Special Observance**

All pause outside the sukkah and say:

Sukkot is observed to celebrate
the time of the Ingathering and Harvest.
It is also the Time of Thanksgiving
for all the bounty You provide for us.
And it is the Time of Rejoicing
because You dwell with us!
At this time we remember our bodies
are temporary but a time is coming
when this corruptible will put on incorruption.
And on this First Day of Sukkot
Yeshua, the Light of the World, was born!

+ **The Sukkah Blessing**

Father says:

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who has instructed us to rejoice
in the festival and gather together in this place.
May we know Your Shalom in the days ahead
and be altogether joyful.

All enter the sukkah.

+ **The Candle Blessing**

Mother (and daughter) light two white candles saying:

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who has set us apart by Your Word
and in Whose Name we light
the festival lights.

A menorah can be lighted (and additional lights).

(The candles are allowed to extinguish themselves.)