



## Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

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"Jesus Teaches At The Feast"  
John 7:11-53

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John 7:11-31

*"Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, 'You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.'"* (John 7:28-29)

*"Jesus cried out ..."* – (John 12:44; remember the context) Note that Jesus is still **"teaching."**

How do they **"know"** Jesus? **From our study of His life so far, what should they/we know about Him?**

**Our knowledge of the Father comes through the Son.** (Matthew 11:27; John 8:19; 10:36-38; 14:7; 17:25-26)

Did they understand Jesus' claim? **"So they were seeking to seize Him ..."** (John 7:30)

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The Pharisees hear the talk and **"sent officers to seize Him."** (verse 32)

*"Therefore Jesus said, 'For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.'"* (John 7:33-34)

- Jesus' time was not yet (verse 30). He had **"a little while longer"** and no human plans would change that.
- What were they seeking for? Why would they not find Him? Why could they not come where He was going? Why would they die in their sin? (John 8:21)
- Consider the prophets. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

More indication of their fleshly focus in verses 35-36.

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*"Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"* (John 7:37-38)

*"Jesus stood and cried out ..."* Can we imagine the pain and heartache of having "living water" to impart and no one willing to receive it.

*"If anyone is thirsty, let him turn to Me and drink ..."* (cf. Isaiah 55:1-3; cf. John 4:13-15; 6:35) .

*"This He spoke of the Spirit ..."* (John 7:39; cf. Joel 2:28; John 6:63, 68)

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The division over Jesus – (John 7:40-44)

1. **"This certainly is the Prophet."** (Deuteronomy 18:15-18)
2. **"This is the Christ."** (Matthew 16:18)
3. **"Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"**
4. **"Some of them wanted to seize Him ..."**
5. **"... no one laid hands on Him."**

**"Who do you say that I am?"** (1 Peter 3:15)

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Back in John 7:32, **"officers"** were sent to **"seize"** Jesus.

Now they return without Him and when asked why they didn't bring Him, they replied, **"Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."** (John 7:46; cf. Matthew 7:28)

What **"way"** is that?

(Matthew 7:28-29; Luke 4:22; John 18:20; 7:17)

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The response of the Pharisees:

*“You have not also been **led astray**, have you? **No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him**, has he? But this crowd which does not know the Law is **accursed**.”* (John 7:47-49)

They considered anyone who **“believed in Him”** to be:

1. **“Led astray”**
2. Not one of us. (John 12:42-43)
3. An ignorant commoner who is **“accursed.”**  
*“Consider your calling...”* (1 Corinthians 1:20ff; 2:6-8)

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Nicodemus' response:

*“Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, **‘Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?’** They answered him, ‘You are not also from Galilee, are you? **Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.**”* (John 7:50-52)

(Nicodemus: John 3:1ff; 19:39)

Prophets in Galilee: (2 Kings 14:25; **Isaiah 9:1-2**)