



Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

December 2, 2020
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"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." (John 7:24)

"Not ... according to appearance ..." – Of who? Judge – to distinguish or separate. (Matthew 7:1-2)

We must exercise **"righteous judgment"** (Acts 15:19; Deuteronomy 16:18) by learning and applying God's **"righteous judgements."** (Psalms 119:7)

We need to **"cry for discernment"** (Proverbs 2:3; 1 Kings 3:9; Hebrews 5:14)

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What types of judgment are forbidden?

- **Hypocritical** (Matthew 7:1-2; Romans 2:1ff)
- **Ignorant** (1 Timothy 1:7; Proverbs 18:13; Joshua 22:10ff)
- **Rash** (Proverbs 20:25; James 1:19; Acts 21:27-29)
- **Where liberty is granted** (Romans 14)
- **Superficial** (1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 7:20)

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John 7:25-31 – Division over Jesus

- Jesus was **"speaking openly."**
- Aware of the efforts to kill Jesus some wondered why He was being allowed to continue to preach.

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"Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?" (verse 26; ESV)

- **One on hand:** "... we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." (verse 27)
 - Not factual (Micah 5:2) and not from God.
 - John 6:42; 8:14
- **On the other hand:** "... when the Christ appears, will He do more signs than this man has done?" (verse 31; ESV)
 - How much evidence do we need? (Matthew 11:4-6; cf. Matthew 12:23; John 12:37ff; Isaiah 35:5-6)