



Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

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"Jesus Teaches At The Feast"
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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)

- On one 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)

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"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 heard 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)