

## FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 11/27-28/2023

**(John 7:1-52) – Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve; The Heavenly Scholar; Could This be the Christ? Jesus and the Religious Leaders; The Promise of the Holy Spirit; Who Is He? Rejected by the Authorities!**

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### OPENING PRAYER

**Review from last week: The Bread from Heaven – I AM the Bread of Life! Rejected by His Own; Many disciples Turn Away!**

#### Introduction:

- **The time differential between chapter five and chapter seven is about two years.** Jesus is avoiding the confrontations in Jerusalem because they are still smarting over the fact that He commanded a man to carry his cot on the sabbath day. They were totally disregarding the fact that the man who had been lame for 38 years was healed! They were upset because it was on the sabbath day that the miracle was performed on this man.

#### *Jesus at the Feast of Booths*

***Joh 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him (Joh 5:16,18; 7:1,19,20,25; 8:22,37,40).***

- **After the experience of the healing of this man, Jesus remained in the area of the Galilee: ministering** up in the Galilee region, not going down to Jerusalem because of this conspiracy to put Him to death and it cannot happen before God's ordained time.

#### ***Joh 7:2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.***

- **The Feast Of Tabernacles took place in the seventh month of the Jewish calendar – “midway between the Passovers.”** The Jewish calendar began with the month of April, which was the first month of their religious calendar. The seventh month was in later September or early October, it varied from year to year because they went by the lunar calendar. But we read all about the *Feast of Tabernacles* in (***Lev 23:33-44.***)
- **Notice that the Feast Of Tabernacles is in conjunction with the Feast of In-Gathering or Feast of Harvest.** That is, it is to begin also on the fifteenth day and thus, a double feast. This second feast is often called the *Feast of In-Gathering* or the *Feast of Harvest*, sort of similar to our Thanksgiving. That is, giving thanks unto the Lord and rejoicing that the harvest has been brought in.
- **Now as tradition developed concerning this, they would build little booths** next to their houses. They would make them out of palm thatches, leaving enough space for the sun to come through, but having more shadow than sun. You could not make it so thick that at night you could not see the stars. The family would move out during this eight-day period of the feast and live in these little booths. At night when the children would be lying there and they would say, Daddy, I see a star up there. Their daddy would say, Our fathers lived in the wilderness under the stars for forty years and God preserved them and kept them that forty years. There were all of these beautiful things to remind them of God's preservation of the fathers through the journeying in the wilderness for a forty-year period of time.
- **As time went on, the temple was built in Jerusalem. They began to have ceremonies concerning the water.** A priest would go down and fill this little pitcher with water. Other priests would go and fill water jugs, but the high priest would take this little pitcher of water and pour it on the altar. It was a symbol, first of all of the water that came out of the rock, but also it was sort of a prayer and a looking forward to the rainy season now, in order that the land may be watered by God during the winter months, giving sufficient rain to fill the streams and the cisterns and all, in order that they might survive through the next summer.

- **There was quite a ceremony. The people would sing Psalms 115 to 118 as this water was being poured** and they were asking for God's salvation, Hosanna in Psalm 118. It was quite an interesting ceremony. The water would be poured down on the pavement there in the temple where the people would then sing praises unto God. It was a time of great rejoicing in God's goodness and in God's benefits to them.
- **Because the eighth day was a sabbath day, holy convocation, they could not bear any burdens.** Thus there was no procession to the pool of Siloam. No water being poured out and that also was significant in acknowledging that God kept His promise. He brought them into the land, the land that was well watered, flowing with milk and honey.
- **The Feast of Tabernacles was one of the three major religious feasts** that was compulsory for the adult males living within a radius of twenty miles of Jerusalem to attend. Three times a year, all of the adult males within a twenty-mile radius of the city of Jerusalem were to present themselves to God. Those that lived outside of the twenty-mile radius came as often as they possibly could.
- **Josephus tells us that there were millions of people that would gather during these feasts in Jerusalem.** The city would overflow with the pilgrims that would come. The *Feast of Passover*, which is in the first month of the Jewish calendar, beginning on the fourteenth day of the month. *The Feast of Pentecost* was fifty days after the feast of unleavened bread which was at the end of the *Feast of Passover*. They would count fifty days to the *Feast of Pentecost* or the *Feast of First Fruits*. The third major feast was *the Feast of Tabernacles*.
- **Now this is the final year of the ministry of Jesus.** The *Feast of Tabernacles* is here taking place, about six months before Jesus is to be crucified. As we come into the seventh chapter, we are entering the last six months of the ministry of Jesus prior to His crucifixion.

**Joh 7:3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.**

- **The half-brothers, the sons of Mary and Joseph, who still at this point** did not believe His claims said, Go on down to Jerusalem, to the feast. Do Your miracle things down there so that Your disciples who are down there might see them also.

**Joh 7:4 For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."**

- **They are suggesting that Jesus go to Jerusalem and demonstrate His powers.** Let them see it because if You are wanting to be known, You do not hide in a corner. You do things out in the open.

**Joh 7:5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.**

**Joh 7:6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time (kairos - the predestined time) has not yet come, but .**

- **Throughout John, Jesus is referring to "the hour has not yet come"** and to the time that has been appointed. (*Joh 2:4b*) *My hour (horah) has not yet come.* (*Joh 8:20b*) *His hour (horah) had not yet come.*
- **My time (kairos - the predestined time) Has not yet come. But here this is not the same Greek word.** Jesus knew that the hour of His being offered as a sacrifice for sin was established and set by God. His hour of being revealed as the Messiah to the nation, which was a time, a set time appointed by God. Daniel tells us the very day the Messiah will come. (*Dan 9:25*) *"Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (483 years or 173,880 days); The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.* The hour has not yet come.
- **This particular word here is "kairos," and it is, not an appropriate time.** He is not saying that He is not going to go down to Jerusalem, but you go ahead and go. You go ahead. But it is not an opportune or an appropriate time for Me right now. He will be coming a little later. He will be coming after the feast is already in progress. But He will not be going down in advance.
- **But your time is always ready.** Jesus then told them that their time is always ready, which is the truth of anyone that does not yet believe in Christ.

**Joh 7:7** *The world cannot hate you (unbelievers), but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.*

- **Jesus recognized that there was this smoldering hatred for Him in Jerusalem**, going back to the healing of this man at the pool of Bethesda. He realized that this was still smoldering and that they hated Him. So He said, *The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.*
- **Things have not changed. The world still hates Jesus today because He testifies against** the works that they are evil. People do not want to be rebuked for sin. They want their sin to be accepted. They want you to be tolerant of their evil. They want to sin with no rebuke whatsoever. Jesus said, *It hates me because I testify. I tell them that their works are evil. They did not like that. (Joh 15:19) If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

**Joh 7:8** *You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.*"

- **The opportune moment.**

**Joh 7:9** *When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.*

**Joh 7:10** *But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.*

- **He slipped in without any fanfare into the city.**

**Joh 7:11** *Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"*

**Joh 7:12** *And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."*

**Joh 7:13** *However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.*

- **The Jews had already determined that if any person claimed that Jesus was the Messiah, they would be put out of the temple.** They would not be able to worship in the temple if they claimed that Jesus was the Messiah. It is interesting that to the present day, if a Jew claims that Jesus is the Messiah, they are not considered a Jew. They make it very difficult for a Jew to immigrate, the *Aliyah*, to Israel who claims that Jesus is the Messiah. So things have not changed that much in 2,000 years. Here they had established, if anybody said Jesus was the Messiah, they would be put out of the temple.
- **There was a lot of whispering kind of thing going on concerning Jesus.** Some were saying, He is a good man. Others were saying, Oh no, He is a deceiver. It is interesting how that people have to be opinionated concerning Jesus. You cannot be neutral! He made too many radical claims that completely removed any attempt at neutrality concerning Him! His claims were so radical that He was the Son of God, that He was sent by God! That He was the only way by which a man could come to God! That He was the resurrection and the life and if you believed on Him, you would never die! Radical claims, which do not allow any neutrality concerning Him. You either believe it or you do not!
- **He was either a good man or He was a deceiver. He cannot be both.** He was either the Son of God or He was not the Son of God. So, there was a division as there always is concerning Jesus. Today the world is divided in their opinions concerning Jesus. Tonight, all of us have an opinion concerning Jesus. We are not neutral. We either believe that He is the Son of God, the Savior of the world or you have to believe that He is a fraud, a deceiver! You are with the crowd that says, Oh, no, He deceives the people.
- **You see, Jesus said, If you are not for Me, you are against Me.** He did not leave you any neutral ground. You cannot say, I have not made up my mind. I have not decided yet, just what I do believe. No decision is a decision! No! It is either positive or negative. You cannot be neutral concerning Jesus. (*Mat 12:30a*) *He who is not with Me is against Me.*

**Joh 7:14** *Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.*

- **Jesus waited as the feast was now in progress, "about the middle of the feast,"**

**Joh 7:15** *And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"*

- **In Jerusalem, there were those appointed Rabbis and the students would come** and learn from the Rabbi, who had a very unique way of teaching. They would always quote the commentaries of other Rabbis. They would never speak with authority themselves.
- **They are amazed at Jesus. When He gave the sermon on the mount, they were amazed** because He speaks with authority. Now as He is teaching there in the temple, they are amazed. They know that He had not sat under any Rabbi. How is it that He knows the scriptures so well? How is it that He has all of this learning? The understanding of the scriptures. How is it that He speaks with such authority concerning the word when He did not sit under Gamaliel or any of the other Rabbis that happened to be in Jerusalem at that present time. Gamaliel being the most renowned of them all.

***Joh 7:16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.***

- **In other words, I have not sat under any Rabbi. I have sat under the Father, who sent Me** He is the One who has taught Me. *My doctrine is not mine, but it is His who sent Me!* Again note the divinity of Jesus in this statement! !
- **John uses "sent Me" 4x today's study; 35x in John; total Bible 41x!** What an emphasis on Jesus' divinity!

***Joh 7:17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.***

- **If you really do the will of God, stepping into this, finding in your heart that you really want to do what He wants you to do, you will know** that what I am telling you, is from God!
- **Verse 17 is one of my favorite verses in the Bible.** Jesus said, *if anyone wills to do God's will; obeys Him!* He shall know, (*ginosko* - to have a knowledge that comes by experience.) This knowledge will prove itself in the nitty gritty of a daily life.
- **In Jerusalem, there were many views related to Him. He is the Messiah. He is a teacher.** Others said, No, He is not. He is a deceiver. Here Jesus declares to them, and to us, all that they needed to do to clear up any doubt, was to begin to obey His teaching, and they would soon discover it to be absolutely true!
- **And how so? By the supernatural quality of life, resulting from the simple obedience to the Word of God** that it would produce. So that no one in the whole world has to take the word of any mere human teacher, or the opinions of anyone else! We have our own means, by which we can have our own personal, experiential, living proof of the truthfulness of His Teaching. As we obey His word, the life that then unfolds will become an evidence that this truth is from God! Only God could know us this well. Only God could know what we are in the middle of every day, giving us what is necessary, to navigate the darkness of the world that we live in.
- **So Jesus comes along. He deals in truth, saying you do My word.** You obey these words that I am teaching that I am declaring from the Father. You will have your own personal internal proof of this supernatural origin of this truth. The interesting and beautiful thing is that the truth of the Bible is self-authenticating! The most competent judges of the truth and divine authority of Christ's doctrine are those that with a sincere and upright heart's desire, endeavor to do the will of God!
- **The hardest place to authenticate something and the place where it is most needed** is in our daily lives. The very first place to begin obeying what it is that the Father has spoken to us, is to be born again, to have the Holy Spirit come into our life. Then, we are off and running. But this is His guarantee! Notice, *if anyone! This works for everyone and no one will be disappointed!* Do not take my word for it! We can say to our friends that it is the truth! That is, as the old saying goes, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Taste and see that the Lord is good! You taste and see and this will prove itself to you!

***Joh 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.***

- **I speak with the authority of the Father who has taught Me** or the things that I am teaching. No self-glory! Jesus is *He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him!* *Jesus is true* and there is *no unrighteousness in Him!*

***Joh 7:19 Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"***

- **What an accusation to the Pharisees who spent their lives endeavoring to keep the law.** But listen to the honesty of Peter when they are trying to determine in the first church council in Acts 15, of what obligation the Gentile believers had to the law of Moses, Peter said, why should we put that on the Gentiles? We have not been able to keep the law. Jesus is making this accusation of them. "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keep the law?"
- **Why do you seek to kill Me?"** Jesus knew that there was this conspiracy. He had been avoiding the area of Judea because of the conspiracy to kill Him because He had healed the man on the sabbath day. So He said, You do not keep the law, so why do you seek to kill Me? Their accusation was He violated the law of Moses. He healed on the sabbath day and told the man to carry his cot on the sabbath day.

**Joh 7:20 The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"**

**Joh 7:21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.**

- **They did not know of the conspiracy of the religious leaders that He must be put to death.** So, not knowing, they said, Who is seeking to kill You? You are out of Your mind.
- **I did one work, and you all marvel.** That was the work of the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda.

**Joh 7:22 Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.**

- **That is, circumcision preceded Moses.** The rite of circumcision was given to Abraham, being the sign of the covenant that God would make of Abraham many nations and His covenant with Israel. (**Gen 17:9-11**). Circumcision was the sign of the covenant. It was not of Moses, it preceded Moses by about 500 years, actually going back to Abraham, *the fathers*.
- **I have healed a man on the sabbath day. You have mutilated a man on the sabbath day in circumcision.** Consider that!

**Joh 7:23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?**

- **According to the law of Moses it was on the eighth day that the male child was to be circumcised.** Of course, many times the eighth day would fall on a sabbath day. But because the law of Moses was to circumcise on the eighth day, they went ahead on the sabbath day and would circumcise the male child. They began to realize, Yes, this is the One they have been talking about. They were going to kill Him. But Jesus said:

**Joh 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."**

- **When Samuel went down to the house of Jesse at the commandment of God to anoint one of his sons** to be the king over Israel, as Jesse brought in his sons the first, Eliab, handsome, good looking, strong, well-built and Samuel thought, Oh yes. Surely this is God's chosen. But God said to Samuel, man looks on the outward appearance and God looks on the heart. Jesus is saying, Do not judge according to appearance. How many times we are judging according to appearance? That is wrong, *but judge with righteous judgment!*

**Can This Be the Christ?**

**Joh 7:25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill?"**

**Joh 7:26 But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?**

**Joh 7:27 However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."**

- **They thought that the Messiah was just going to suddenly, miraculously appear.** Even today they believe that concerning the Messiah, just one day He is going to appear on the scene, recognized by all to be the Messiah. So, the fact that they knew Him, they knew His mother and father, they knew Him from His boyhood in Nazareth, they were rejecting Him as being the Messiah.

### **JESUS CRIED OUT!**

**Joh 7:28** *Then Jesus cried out* (*krazō* - to call aloud, shriek, to proclaim), *as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know."*

- **Yes, you know Me. You know I am from, and grew up in Nazareth.** They had come for the feast. They were all there, neighbors from Nazareth, who had watched Him grow up, fellows that maybe had grown up with Him. They had a difficult time, accepting Him as the Messiah. Jesus said, Yes, "you know Me. You know where I am from, but **I have not come of Myself!** *He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know!* You do not know God!

**Joh 7:29** *But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."*

- **Pretty radical. He is a good man or He is a deceiver.** Is He deceiving them when He declares to them, I know the Father for I am from Him and He has sent Me?

**Joh 7:30** *Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.*

- **His hour** - referring to that precise hour that God had established for the offering of the sacrifice of His Son for sins.

**Joh 7:31** *And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"*

- **Look at all of the miracles. Will the Messiah perform more miracles than these?**

### **Officers Sent to Arrest Jesus**

**Joh 7:32** *The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests .*

**Joh 7:33** *Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me."*

- **Jesus is saying, I am going to be with you for just a little while more.** Then, I am going to go back to Him who sent Me.

**Joh 7:34** *You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."*

- **He is saying this to the people and to His disciples, (Joh 14:1-3)** *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.* He is saying, Where I am going you cannot come.

**Joh 7:35** *Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"*

- **Is He going to head out from here, maybe go to Greece?** Into the Gentile world, to the dispersed Jews that are in Rome and is He going to go out to the nations to preach to the dispersed?

**Joh 7:36** *What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"*

- **All you have to do is to ask Him.** Would you please explain that to us? But they did not want to hear the answer. We see their unwillingness! They were not interested in the truth. Having Him out of their hair was a dream come true, but it was really just wishful thinking. because He is not going anywhere.

## ***JESUS CRIED OUT! Rivers of Living Water***

***Joh 7:37 On the last day (the eighth day), that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out (krazō - to call aloud, shriek, to proclaim), saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."***

- **He is talking about the deep spiritual thirst, that universal thirst in the heart of every man for a meaningful relationship with God.** Down deep inside we need God. Our lives cannot be whole or complete without God.
- **Man exists on three levels: body, soul, and spirit. He is an inferior trinity. Made in the image of God** who is a superior trinity: Father, Son, and Spirit. Man was created a spirit being. Living in a fleshly body, possessing a consciousness. The consciousness was under the control of the spirit. Thus, man lived in conscious communion and fellowship with God because the spirit was uppermost; spirit, soul, body . The body was subject unto the spirit. Man did not live, controlled or dominated by the flesh but controlled and dominated by the spirit, and thus lived in fellowship with God!
- **It was through the fall when man, obeying the body appetites, eating of the forbidden fruit,** because of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life. For that fruit was delicious, it was beautiful to look upon. It was desired to make him as wise as God. And yielding to the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye, man became dominated by the flesh. He lost that consciousness of God's presence. As his body was now mastered by his fleshly desires. He began to live and walk after the flesh. Dead in his trespasses and sins. Alienated from God. Without God and without hope and without Christ in this world.
- **The mind of man was now dominated by the fleshly desires and the fleshly needs.** This is the state of common man today. He lives for the flesh and to fulfill the desires of the flesh and of his mind. He is controlled by Satan, alienated from God. He is not subject to the laws of God because the flesh rules. As the result, he is dead to God and the things of God and alienated from fellowship. But down deep inside, man needs God and longs for God. There is that thirst for God.
- **Man tries to fill that spiritual thirst for God with emotional experiences.** Pleasure mania! Where a person goes, getting their emotions wrung out for a couple of hours, such as at a sports event. But all of these things at best only give a temporary kind of respite from the thirst, but the thirst goes on . There is no substitute for a relationship with God!
- **Jesus, talking to them concerning this deep spiritual thirst, that thirst for God, that need for God, says to them, "Come to me and drink."** Jesus is here claiming to be God once again. You need God, you are thirsting for God, come to Me. I can satisfy that need for God. I can satisfy that thirst for God that is deep down inside your being! Come to Me and drink! Here in this passage they would have immediately recognized it for what it was, Jesus declaring Himself to be the Jewish. Messiah

***Joh 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."***

***Joh 7:39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.***

- **Jesus perhaps is referring to (Isa 44:3) "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."** Or perhaps (Isa 58:11) "And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."
- **Are you thirsty for God? God will not only satisfy that thirst!** He will not only fill that emptiness, but He will overflow it. The life of the Spirit is an overflowing life. Man who is going around constantly with his cry and thirst, not only finds full satisfaction in Jesus Christ, but finds that there is a surplus! It overflows. It is like a well of living water, He said to the woman of Samaria, which is springing up within. You will never thirst again. There is satisfaction! Complete satisfaction in Jesus Christ!
- **Again, radical claims. He is a good man or He is deceiving the people.** John wrote the gospel some fifty years after this event. Writing now with the years of experience, though at the moment he did not understand what Jesus was referring to. Once the Holy Spirit was given, which Jesus had promised to the disciples, then John realized, He was talking about the Holy Spirit. It was through the receiving of the Holy Spirit, through his baptism of the Spirit, through this coming upon or the overflowing of the Spirit that John realized Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit.
- **What was He saying concerning it? It would be like a river of living water flowing forth, gushing forth out of your life!**

- **God not only wants this dynamic of the Holy Spirit in our life, for what it will do for us, but also for what it will do with the people around us.** So when this happens within our life, there will be this torrent, rivers of living water, coming out of our lives, impacting the world around us. Our lives become a kind of spiritual drinking fountains!

***Joh 7:40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."***

- **That is, the prophet that Moses had predicted.** And there shall arise another prophet like unto myself; and to Him you shall give heed (*Deu 18:15*), one of the prophecies concerning the Messiah given by Moses. When they heard Jesus say this, some of them said, This is the Prophet. They had this question before, Could this be the very Christ or the Messiah? This is the Prophet.

***Joh 7:41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?***

***Joh 7:42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"***

***Joh 7:43 So there was a division among the people because of Him.***

- **Notice those who took the side against Jesus, those who said He deceives the people** were basing their statement upon incomplete and false information. Jesus was of the seed of David. Both Mary and Joseph were descendants of David. He was of the seed of David and He was born in Bethlehem. They did not know that. They did not have full information and they were making judgment upon incomplete information which is a mistake that a lot of people make.
- **There are many people today who are making judgments concerning Jesus Christ on false information** or incomplete information. It is most tragic, that a person is making a judgment concerning Jesus Christ that is going to determine that person's eternal welfare and yet they do not have enough sense to study the thing out and see if these things be so. Jesus said, (*Joh 5:39-40*) *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. [40] But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.* But there are people today that are not even searching the scriptures to see if these things are so.
- **When Paul went to Berea and preached the gospel to them, they were more noble** than those of Thessalonica because they went and they searched the scriptures to see if what Paul was saying is true. They found out it was. Certainly, it is not wise to make a judgment until you have all of the facts available to you. Yet so many people are guilty, as were these people, thinking they knew the facts. We knew this man from where He is from. They do not know Him. So, division among the people because of Him, and that is always true.
- **Jesus said, Do not think that I have come to bring peace. I have come to bring a sword. I am going to divide families.** There will be a mother divided against her daughter and a son against the father because the division comes in believing or not believing in Jesus. Often it brings division within families. He is talking to the Jews and when a Jewish person would accept Jesus, it would bring a great division within the family to the extent that oftentimes, the family would completely ostracize the member of the family who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah.
- **Tonight, there is a division. There are those that believe** that He was a deceiver and those of us who believe that He was more than a good man, He was the Son of God who was sent by God to save us from our sins. We believe on Him and we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit! We enjoy this blessed overflowing life that comes from Him and believing in Him!

***Joh 7:44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.***

***Joh 7:45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"***

- **That is, the officers that were sent out to arrest Jesus. They came back empty handed.**
- **They said unto them,** Why didn't you arrest Him?

***Joh 7:46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"***



- **They were captivated with the words of Jesus.** He speaks not as the scribes and the Pharisees. He speaks with authority. Never has a man spoken like this man!

**Joh 7:47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"**

- **They were saying He deceives the people.** "Are you also deceived?"

**Joh 7:48 Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?**

- **Oh yes, some of them have!** We are told that many of the rulers and the priests believed on Him, but they did it secretly because they did not want to lose their position in the council. One of them, Nicodemus, who was sitting there, (**Joh 3:2**) *This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.* Jesus taught him the way to be born again by believing in Jesus.

**Joh 7:49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."**

- **The establishment of spiritual hierarchy, the religious leaders, looking down upon the people** from a religious throne; this is what Jesus came to abolish. Jesus came to open the door for every one of us to be able to come to God directly! He is the Mediator! He is the go-between! He alone is the go-between between you and God. No one else, (**Joh 14:6**) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (1Ti 2:5) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus. No person can go on your behalf. You have just as much right as access to the Father as anyone else. I go to Him through Jesus Christ. You must come to Him through Jesus Christ and through Jesus Christ, we both have equal access unto the Father! These religious people looked down on the crowd. There is a religious snobbery here. The leaders say, concerning those that are not a part of their little elite group, that they were *accursed!* They do not know the law.*

**Joh 7:50 Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,**

**Joh 7:51 "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"**

- **Nicodemus is bringing up a point of law here.** They were guilty of violating the law. You could not judge a man until he had first had his say. They have made judgments of Him. They had not given Him an opportunity to answer their issues or their questions. Thus, Nicodemus is bringing up a point of order, point of law. *Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?*

**Joh 7:52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."**

- **They answered and said to him, Are you also from Galilee?** It was a very cutting kind of a thing.
- **Search, and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee!** That is not correct, either, but that was their statement!

## SUMMARY:

- **Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve;** Even Jesus' half-brothers did not believe He was the Messiah.
- **Jesus, The Heavenly Scholar;** The Jews marveled, How does this Man know letters, having never studied? Jesus said, My teaching is from God! So can yours be, (**Joh 7:17**) *If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. If you really do the will of God, stepping into this, finding in your heart that you really want to do what He wants you to do, you will know that what I am telling you is from God!*
- **Could This be the Christ? (Joh 7:28-29)** *Then **Jesus cried out**, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."*
- **Jesus and the Religious Leaders; (Joh 7:33-34)** *Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."*

- **The Promise of the Holy Spirit; (Joh 7:37-38)** *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*
- **Who Is He? Rejected by the Authorities! (Joh 7:40-43)** *Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him.*
- **If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink! What a glorious invitation! Be Spirit filled in Him!**
- **The Spirit of the Loving God!**

## CLOSING SONG:

**SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD** – Dan Iverson

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. (2X)*

## CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study *John Chapter 8*

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