

“Who is Jesus?”: Teacher of Truth – Part 2
John 7:25-36

John 7:25 ¶ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?”

John 7:26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?

John 7:27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”

John 7:28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.

John 7:29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”

John 7:30 So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

John 7:31 Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

John 7:32 ¶ The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

John 7:33 Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me.

John 7:34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.”

John 7:35 The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?”

John 7:36 What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?”

Introduction:

- Summary of John’s intent and purpose (John 20:30-31)
- No more talk about the Sabbath, His identity becomes the focal point once again.

The Teacher’s Identity (vv.25-31)

A) Disputed by Men (**vv.25-27**)

- a. Piecing Together Evidence
- b. Drawing Conclusions
 - i. Arrogance
 - ii. Ignorance

1. **John 9:29**, “We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”
2. **John 7:17**, “If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.”

B) Divine by Nature (**vv.28-31**)

- a. Rebuke
 - i. Their judgment
 - ii. Their lostness
- b. Origin
 - i. Deity
 - ii. Pre-existence

1. **John 1:1**, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
2. **Col.1:18**, “And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”

c. Sovereign

- i. Direct, not indirect
- ii. **John 10:18**, “No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”
- iii. Taken with v.31

- d. Savior
 - i. Not according to signs
 - ii. What signs point to
 - iii. **John 2:23-25**, “**23** Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.”

- throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”)
 - c. Illustration to **7:17**, ““If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.”

The Teacher's Destiny (vv.32-36)

- A) Attempts of Men (**v.32**)
 - a. The Pharisees
 - b. Chief Priests (make up Sanhedrin w/Pharisees...not friends, but common enemy)
 - c. Officers (instructed by Sanhedrin to govern affairs of the temple)
 - d. Attempted Arrest (v.45)
- B) Determination of God (**vv.33-34**)
 - a. Allotted Time
 - b. Return “Home”
 - i. Cross
 - ii. Grave
 - iii. Ascension
 - c. Unapproachable
 - i. Cross (only Christ could go)
 - ii. Grave (only Christ could rise)
 - iii. Now and Then (He is sufficient)
- C) Confused by Flesh (**vv.35-36**)
 - a. Earthly view
 - b. Unintentional Prophecy (**Acts 8:1**, “And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered

Conclusion:

- **Where does this leave us this morning?**
 - Jesus is the Truth
 - What He says and does is true
 - Jesus is going to die, be buried, raised again and ascend to the Father
 - Those who accept Christ, bearing evidence of belief, will be with Him one day
 - Those who do not accept Christ, not believing on Him, will not be with Him
 - There is a limited time (**Isa.55:6**, ““Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near...”)
- **Do you believe Jesus to be true?**
 - If you do, do you trust Him? His sovereign timing in your life? That His commands will yield greater pleasure than sin?
 - If you do not, why not? If you're simply not convinced I challenge you to seek Him more.
 - If you want to know Him, convinced that He is true (not just His signs), then bank all of your hopes on Him, trusting His death on the cross in your place, for your sin, and live obediently to Him from now on.