

John 7:25-36

Make Up Your Mind about Jesus: Could This Be the Christ?

1. Jesus' True _____: (25-31)

- a. Some of the people of Jerusalem are perplexed:
 - i. _____: 'Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?' –John 7:19
 1. Jesus is bold and _____. –John 5:18; 7:1, 19-20
 2. Yet why do the authorities not _____? –Prov 28:1; Lk 22:2
 - ii. _____: 'But we know where this man comes from...'
 1. They believe he would be _____. –Lk 1:80; John 7:42
 2. They stumble over their _____. –John 4:43-44; 6:42; 9:29
- b. Jesus' answer to them:
 - i. They may know Jesus' _____ origin. –John 7:42, 51
 - ii. They do not know _____ who _____ Jesus:
 1. Jesus is God's _____ spokesman. –John 5:24, 43
 2. They don't know _____ thus they don't know _____. –John 5:36-40
- c. The response:
 - i. They were _____ to arrest him:
 1. Likely the authorities, but possibly the people. –John 5:18; 6:24
 2. They were _____ unable to seize Him. –John 7:6; 8:20
 - ii. Many _____ in Him because of His signs. –John 8:30-31

2. Jesus's Unknown _____: (32-36)

- a. Hearing the crowd they sent officers to arrest Jesus. –John 7:45
- b. Jesus' warning:
 - i. _____ He will return to Him who sent Him. –John 8:21; 12:35; 13:33
 - ii. They will _____ him and not find Him. –Deut 4:29; John 8:21
- c. The confusion of the Jews:
 - i. They think he plans to _____ to teach the gentiles. –John 8:22
 - ii. Their misunderstanding drips with _____. –John 12:20-23; 17:20-21

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Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?"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?²⁷ But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from."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."²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.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?"

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.³³ Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me."³⁴ You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come."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?"³⁶ What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"