

John 7:40-52

No One Ever Spoke Like This Man

1. Jesus Causes Division Among the People: (40-44)

- a. Some said, “*This really is the Prophet*”: _____ –Deut 18:18
- b. Some said, “*This is the Christ*.” –Ps 2:1-12 ; John 1:19-21
- c. Others said that the Christ was to be born of David in Bethlehem:
 - i. _____: They are right about the Bible. –2 Sam 7:12; Mic 5:2
 - ii. _____: They are wrong about Jesus. –John 7:24
 - iii. _____: John assumes we know Jesus’ origin. –John 3:24; 4:44; 6:67
- d. Some wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand on him. –John 7:30

2. Jesus Causes Conflict Among the Pharisees: (45-52)

- a. The officers _____:
 - i. Their _____: They had been sent to arrest Jesus. –John 7:32
 - ii. Their _____: “*No _____ ever spoke like this man!*”
 1. The words of the _____ amazed them. –Mk 1:22; Lk 4:32; Jn 18:5
 2. They spoke _____ than they knew. –John 1:1, 18; 11:47-53
- b. The Pharisees _____:
 - i. ‘*Have you also been deceived?*’ –John 7:12
 - ii. ‘*Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?*’ – John 7:26; 12:42; 19:39
 - iii. ‘*But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.*’ –John 5:45
- c. Nicodemus _____:
 - i. He had previously heard Jesus _____. –John 3:1-21
 - ii. He urges them to give Jesus _____. –John 7:24
 - iii. The Pharisees answer him with _____:
 1. They ridicule the _____ of Israel. –John 3:10
 2. They need not follow justice for no prophet arises from Galilee:
 - a. Except Elijah, Micah, and Jonah. –Mic 1:1; 1 Kgs 17:1; 2 Kgs 14:25
 - b. Except for Isaiah’s prophecy. –Is 9:1-2; John 8:12

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When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” ⁴³ So there was a division among the people over him. ⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” ⁴⁶ The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” ⁴⁷ The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? ⁴⁸ Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” ⁵⁰ Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, ⁵¹ “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” ⁵² They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”