

Who is Jesus Christ? (John 7:25-36)

Because Jesus does not fit their preconceived notions of the Messiah's identity, residents of Jerusalem reject Him and join in the effort to kill Him for blasphemy. That Jesus is true God and true man still remains a stumbling block for those who judge Him by earthly standards. Yet, Jesus was always conscious of the Father's will and never allowed human opinions to sidetrack Him from His saving purpose. Jesus teaches that when He dies, He will return to His Father and become inaccessible to His enemies. Yet, He remains gracious toward all. The "window of opportunity" for the Gospel will soon close, both for the individual and for the world. But God now graciously extends the time for the Gospel's proclamation that many others may hear and be saved.

Pre-Class Questions

1. What did the people of Jerusalem mean when they said, "When the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from"?
2. Did Jesus mean that they actually knew Him as the Messiah? (v. 28)
3. When would they seek Him and not find Him?

Paraphrase

Summary

Prayer

Outline of Chapter Seven

- II. The Word Manifested to the Jews and their rejection of Him,
 - D. Public Ministry, Third Year
 - 2. Later Judean Ministry, 7:1-10:21, The Feast of Tabernacles
 - a. Jesus' unbelieving brothers advise Him, 7:1-9
 - b. The Multitudes in Jerusalem have varying ideas about Him, 7:10-13
 - c. The old Sabbath controversy renewed, 7:14-24
 - d. Mixed emotions concerning Jesus at the feast, 7:25-36
 - e. Discourse on the Living Water, 7:37-52

In-Class Questions

1. Where would the people get the idea that the appearance of the Messiah would be sudden and secret?
2. How do you think verse 28 should be punctuated?
3. What does the word apostle mean?
4. Why was Jesus not arrested at this time?
5. Do you think the belief of the multitudes was sincere or superficial?
6. When would the Jews seek the Messiah and be unable to find Him?