

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Confusion Over Christ"
John 7:25-36
Part-25

Jesus claimed His origin was from God, He was sent to men from God, and Jesus declared He was returning to God!

John 7-11 Records The Hostility Against Jesus: How it went from hatred to murder! **6X** in these chapters it mentions they tried to "**seize**" or arrest Him. **5X** "**try and take His life.**" Jesus Christ Cannot Be Intimidated!

Thought Of Our Passage: "Confusion Over Jesus' Identity Is Not Intellectual, But A Failure Of The Will In Wanting To Know Him."

- 1. Verses 25-31 – Responding To Jesus**
- 2. Verses 32-36 – Returning To The Father**

1. Verses 25-31 – Responding To Jesus:

John 7:25

"So" or "Therefore" – Jesus had just made claims about His Person, His Office, and His Authority, John 7:16-17.

John 7:24

"some of the people of Jerusalem were saying," – Now these are the local people from Jerusalem.

Verses 25-26 – Jesus' Immunity: "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"

John 7:26

"Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him." – "they do not say a thing to Him."

"Christ," – means "Messiah", "The anointed One." This was a word that meant "the one that was going to deliver."

Verses 27-29 – The Origin Of Jesus: John 7:27 – "However, we know where this man is from;" – Did they? Did they know that Jesus had been born in Bethlehem? Micah 5:2? That He was a descendent of David? Or maybe that He grew up in Nazareth only?

John 9:29 – “we do not know where He is from.”

Malachi 3:1

John 7:28

“Then Jesus cried out in the temple,” – The expression “cried out” (in His teaching) implies speaking in a peculiarly solemn manner and with an elevation of voice.

“You both know Me and know where I am from;” – Should read as a question: “You both know Me and know where I am from?”

“whom you do not know.” – John 5:38

Jeremiah 9:23-24

The Only Way One Can Know God, Is To Accept Jesus, Who Was The One Sent By God.

John 7:29

“I know Him,” – In contrast to the ignorance of these people, Jesus is the Interpreter of God to men, John 1:18.

“because I am from Him” – Literally, “I came from alongside of Him”

“and He sent Me” – He sent forth the twelve, Matthew 10:5; Himself in John 17:3. Jesus is the Father’s Apostle to men; God’s Exclusive Messenger, Eternal, possessing God’s Authority.

John 7:30

Verses 30-31 – 2 Reactions To The Claims Of Jesus:

1. They Rejected Him: “So they were seeking to seize Him;”

Luke 12:51-53

Jesus Is Untouchable: “and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.”

John 7:31

2. They Believed In Him: "But many of the crowd believed in Him;"
– The word "believed" – "reliance not credence." It was a real faith, but an imperfect faith, based on miracles.

Nicodemus, the premier Pharisee, was first attracted to Jesus based upon His signs, but later he believed, John 3:1-2.

OT prophecy foretold that the Messiah would come with signs, Isaiah 29:18; 35:5-6.

2. Verses 32-36 – Returning To The Father:

John 7:32

"The Pharisees" – "The separated ones"; they were the conservative ones in the religious world. They took The Law as the letter; believed in miracles. They hated the Sadducees, which were the liberal religious of their day.

"chief priests" – These elite priests were drawn from the ranks of the most wealthy, and influential priestly families. They were the backbone of the Sadducees that made up the ruling party, the Sanhedrin.

"Pharisees heard the crowd muttering" – "to murmur, mutter, grumble, say anything in a low tone", John 7:31.

Verses 33-36 – Perplexed Audience: John 7:33.

Jesus Knew That His Earthly Ministry Would Not Be Indefinite: "Jesus said, 'For a little while longer I am with you,'"

Jesus Knew That The Grave Would Not Hold Him (He Would Return To Heaven): "then I go to Him who sent Me."

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

John 7:34

Proverbs 1:28-29

John 8:21

Hebrews 3:15

Jesus Knew That Because Of Their Sins, Some Souls Would Never Experience His Eternal Glory: "and where I am, you cannot come."

The reality is that some people are unwilling to turn from their sins, John 3:19-20.

John 7:35

Acts 13:46

John 7:36

Isaiah 55:6-7

Application:

1. When You Share Jesus Christ With Someone And They Respond, "That's Just Your Opinion," What Should You Say? It's Not Just My Opinion, But What Jesus Christ Himself Declared.
2. Confusion Over Jesus' Identity Is Not Intellectual, But A Failure Of The Will In Wanting To Know Him.
3. The Only Way One Can Know God, Is To Accept Jesus, Who Was The One Sent By God.
4. What Changes Can I Make In My Current Schedule So That I Will Grow To Know Jesus Christ Better This Year?