

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Instruction from God"
John 7:14-24
Part-24

John 5-12 – A pattern develops: A Miracle – Leads To A Conflict – Leads To A Sermon.

In the opening words of **John 7**, John declares that there is murder in the air, **John 7:1.**

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: "Those Truly Willing To Do God's Will, Have The Privilege Of Knowing God's Will."

- 1. Verses 14-15 – Jesus Must Be Heard**
- 2. Verses 16-19 – Jesus' Divine Revelation**
- 3. Verses 20-24 – Jesus' Standard Of Judgment**

1. Verses 14-15 – Jesus Must Be Heard:

John 7:14

"But when it was now the midst of the feast" – John 7:2

John 7:10 – "Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret."

"Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach." – Malachi 3:1

Note How Courageous Jesus Is: John 7:11-13.

"and began to teach." – Jesus in ordinary clothes, peasant clothes, comes as a Teacher/Rabbi to the epicenter of the religious in Jerusalem.

What did Jesus teach? John 7:28-29

John 7:15

"The Jews then were astonished," – "they were in wonder or to admire."

"saying, 'How has this man become learned,'" – Jesus had not attended either of the rabbinical theological schools in Jerusalem (Hillel, Shammai).

“having never been educated?”

This was an attempt to discredit Jesus, in order for the religious to keep their authority! Jesus says things we authorities don't teach, don't listen to Him!

Matthew 7:29

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Bunyan, Spurgeon, and DL Moody had no formal education. Neither did Christ's disciples. Apostle Paul had been under Gamaliel, Acts 22:3.

2. Verses 16-19 – Jesus' Divine Revelation:

John 7:16

Jesus' Teaching Is Divine: “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.”

Isaiah 50:4; Acts 10:38

John 8:28

God's Truth Is Verifiable: John 7:17

“If anyone is willing to do His will,” – Note the act of human will to do His will.

“willing,” – desire; means more than a fleeting wish, or a superficial desire; “to seize with the mind, to be resolved.” A deep-rooted desire to know and be in the will of God! It is the single driving force to find and practice.

Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 119:2

“he will know of the teaching,” – Literal words, “If anyone desires His will to practice, he shall know.” If anyone chooses to do God's will, God will reveal to him the truth.

1 John 4:6

“whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.” – “If anyone makes the divine will his desire and choice (as Jesus Himself had done), he will not have much trouble deciding whether Jesus is a fraud or one sent from heaven.”

People that care about truth, do not care about credentials, as long as truth is taught!

Revelation 2:7 – John says this 7X to 7 Churches.

Everyone’s teaching stands or falls by the fruit it produces in the lives of those who embrace it.

Evolution – (Charles Darwin popularized by T.H Huxley) If we accept it and embrace its teaching it translates down to “Survival of the Fittest”, 2 Peter 3:4-7.

Humanism – It does not matter what we do with our bodies, we are animals, and we don’t answer to anyone but ourselves.

Jeremiah 29:12-13

Verse 18 – Two Types Of Teachers: John 7:18

The Teacher Who Promotes Himself: “He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory;”

God’s Teacher – The Seeking Of God’s Glory Not Their Own: “but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness (“false”) in Him.”

John 7:19

Qualification Of God’s Teacher – Is Obedience to Previous Revealed Truth, The Law: “Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law?”

Romans 3:12

“Why do you seek to kill Me?” – Literally, “continually seeking to kill me.”

The Jewish leaders professed to be seeking God’s glory, but a practical test proved otherwise; Their breaking of the 6th Commandment!

3. Verses 20-24 – Jesus’ Standard Of Judgment:

John 7:20 – “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?” – These people were ignorant of the religious leaders’ plot to kill Him.

John 7:21 – (John 5:8-9) This one miracle should have been enough.

John 7:22

“(not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers)” – It came originally through to Abraham. Genesis 17:9-14

“and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man.” – The Law directed circumcision to take place on the eighth day. If the eighth day fell on a Sabbath, it still took place.

John 7:23

Leviticus 12:3

The Priests serve on the Sabbath and it is not labor – Matthew 12:11.
David and his men ate the show bread – Matthew 12:3-4.
An animal can be rescued from a ditch on the Sabbath – Mark 2:28.

John 7:24

“Do not judge according to appearance,” – “stop judging me according to superficial sight.”

“but judge with righteous judgment.” – But according to right principles.

Matthew 22:36-40

Application:

1. One Can Know The Bible Apart From The Experts. It Takes Knowing The Author And Reading The Scriptures.
2. God's Truth Is Verifiable. If Anyone Makes The Divine Will Their Desire And Choice, They Will Know That Jesus Is The One Sent From Heaven.
3. A Person Who's Judgment That Does Not Value Or Look At Life From God's Point Of View, Cannot And Will Not Get Their Judgments Straight.