

D. Enmity and Ineptitude - Part 2 (45-52)

- i. Then they condemn themselves on two counts:
 - a) The Lord has come to His temple and none of the rulers of the Pharisees believe in Him!
 - b) The “mob” that knows “nothing of the law” hang out at the temple listening to them teach!
- ii. Nicodemus, points out that in the Law they are forbidden to condemn Jesus without a fair trial and hearing.

- iii. Finally they testify to their own ignorance. (Isaiah 9:1-2)

LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- Fame is a temptation for those in ministry, and those in the seats. We all want to be associated with success. How might you be tempted to pursue the kind of worldly accolades that Jesus' brothers wanted Him to pursue (7:3-4)?
- How might the image of Jesus as the water from the Rock, or the Spring of Living Water speak to us today? How are we prone to look elsewhere for life giving waters?
- How do the various interchanges in John 7 reveal that Jesus is on trial and that Jesus is also putting the Jewish leaders and the people on trial? How does the testimony put forward vindicate Jesus?
- How does this text show us that we are all ultimately on trial with regard to what we say about Jesus?
- How does John 7 make clear that when Jesus finally does arrange for His own arrest in Gethsemane, that He is truly the One in charge?
- How does John 7 inform and ignite your worship?

The Word Became Flesh (Part 13)
The Lord will Suddenly Come to His Temple
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Text: John 7

I. Hidden Jesus: Where is He? (7:1-13)

- A. The Feast of Tents and the Killing of Jesus! (1-2)
 - i. Why are they seeking Jesus?

 - ii. The Jewish Feast of Tabernacles or Tents was near.

 - iii. A celebration of harvest that had become associated with “the day of the Lord”—the sudden appearing of Messiah.
 - a) Malachi 3:1 – The Lord suddenly comes to His temple.
 - b) Malachi 3:5 – To put them on trial for their injustices.
- B. Jesus brothers are of the same mind as the crowd in chapter 6 that wanted to make Him King by force. (3-10)
 - i. “... go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do.”

 - ii. Jesus will separate Himself from everyone because their motives are completely wrong.
- C. Meanwhile, at the Feast in Jerusalem... (11-13)
 - i. Why were the Jewish leaders “seeking” Jesus?

 - ii. “Where is he?”

II. Jesus: Now You See Him; Now You Don't (7:14-36)

- A. The Charge (14-15)
 - i. He was taught by no one, therefore He deserves no honor and His teaching has no worth.
 - a) John 3:1-2
 - b) This is about glory and honor for them!
 - ii. Jesus' response and some counter-charges. (16-18)
 - a) Jesus impugns their motives: *They do not choose to do the will of God.*
 - b) Since they were clearly seeking personal glory, Jesus is saying that they are speaking on their own.
 - c) They, not Jesus, have a long track record of injustices.
 - iii. You are Murderers and Inconsistent(19-23)
 - a) *You will murder because I healed a man on the Sabbath, which you [falsely] think is breaking the Sabbath!*
 - b) The crowd retorts: *"You be a crazy man! No one is trying to kill you!"* Which we know is a lie!
 - iv. Counter-charge: You judge falsely, by mere appearances.
- B. Testimony and New Charges (25-29)
 - i. Jesus is not mad!
 - ii. A new charge against Jesus: Where is He from? (See 1:46)
 - iii. Jesus' response will reveal that they are judging by mere appearances and therefore unjustly.

C. Enmity and Ineptitude - Part 1 (30-36)

- i. Now the leaders of the Jews are infuriated, yet they are unable to accomplish their goals.
- ii. The Pharisees send temple guards to arrest Jesus.
 - a) What follows is comical!
 - b) Where I am, you cannot come!

III. Jesus: Look Again (7:37-52)

A. The Feast of Tents (37-39)

B. Jesus suddenly appears again in the temple.

- i. Jesus is inviting all who are thirsty to come and drink from Him ... to come to the Living Water.
 - a) There are 2 issues surrounding the quoted text: What scripture is He quoting?
 - Isaiah 43:20
 - Ezekiel 47:1-12
 - b) Out of whose belly will the river flow?

- ii. Jesus is the One to whom this feast has been pointing.
 - See also Jeremiah 2:13.

C. Testimony from Various Witnesses (40-44)

- i. Two very positive testimonies.
- ii. A third group has some confusion and ignorance.