

# THAT YOU MAY KNOW

*Jesus the Scholar*  
John 7:1-24  
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The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" - John 7:11

## I. THE URGING OF UNBELIEVERS

- Jesus' life is at risk in Judea. He is not afraid of what awaits him there, but he will only go when it is the proper time (John 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20, 13:1).
- Jesus' brothers do not (yet) believe. They want to see Jesus get back into the action, regardless of the outcome for him.
- The world does not hate its own, but it hates those who declare its "truths" to be lies, and its "good" to be evil (Isa. 5:18-20; Rom. 1:28-32).

## II. WHERE IS HE? WHO IS HE?

- At the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, the people look for Jesus, and wonder who he might be. It was true then, and true today—there is much muttering about Jesus.

## III. JESUS—THE LOGICIAN

- Jesus had no formal rabbinical training, and yet his teaching was profound, powerful, and applicable (Mark 1:27; John 7:45-46).
- His teaching was from the Father. Those who seek God through Christ will recognize its authority (1 Cor. 1:18-25; 2 Cor. 3:14).
- How might we discern whether or not a person speaks for God?
  1. Those who seek their own glory speak for themselves.
  2. Those who seek God's glory are true.
- The crowd, although amazed by Jesus, are still quite skeptical. They even accuse him of being possessed (vs. 20; Matt. 12:24).
- Jesus employs a logical argument from the lesser to the greater (*a fortiori*) to make a point concerning mercy and Sabbath laws.
- Judging with right judgment is both useful and encouraged (Vs. 24; Matt. 7:1-5, 15-20).

**KNOW:** Jesus was a great teacher. He spoke the truth. His teaching was from the Father, where our teaching must originate as well.

**DO:** Think and teach like the Father. You'll find the pattern in Scripture.

### Suggested Reading:

*Taking God at His Word* by Kevin DeYoung (LifePoint Library #220.6 DEY)

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### **Please Read John 7:1-24**

1. Why do Jesus' brothers want him to go to Jerusalem to the feast?
2. Jesus says he will not go, then he goes. Is he a liar? Unreliable? How might we understand this passage?
3. The people "muttered" about Jesus. What are people muttering about concerning Jesus today?
4. Why does the world "hate" Jesus? What about all those who say, as the Jews of Jesus day said, that he is a "good man?"
5. Why does Jesus bring up an argument about the law and Sabbath regulations, do you think?
6. How should we judge ourselves and others?
7. Share an application point for you from Sunday's passage.