

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Come Ye Sinners
John 7:25-52
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MAIN POINT: The gift of the Holy Spirit and abundant life through him is given to all who come and drink from Jesus... come, therefore, and drink!

A WORLD DIVIDED (vv. 25-31)

- From Where Does the Messiah Hail?
 - First-century Jewish thought regarding the coming of the Messiah was not monolithic (i.e., one and only one thought).
 - Some thought the Messiah's appearing would be sudden and unknown (v. 27; cf. Mal. 3:1).
 - Jesus's self-awareness of where he came from (i.e., from the Father) is different than the crowds' and sparks division (vv. 28-31).

OF OFFICERS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS (vv. 32-36)

- Unbelief provokes hostility in the hearts of the Pharisees and chief priests as they send temple guards to arrest Jesus (v. 32).
- Jesus responds that his hour is fast approaching; his ascension is coming... and where he will go, unbelievers cannot follow (vv. 33-34). As is typical, though, in John's Gospel account misunderstandings of Jesus's words ensue (vv. 35-36).

THE MESSIAH AND THE SPIRIT (vv. 37-39)

- The Feast of Booths (Lev. 23:33-43) was but a shadow of things to come... the age to come, new creation, and the ingathering of the harvest and outpouring of the Holy Spirit have come in the person and work of Jesus Christ (cf. Isa. 43:16-21; 44:1-8; Ezek. 47:1ff; Joel 3:18)!

A WORLD DIVIDED (vv. 40-44)

- From Where Does the Messiah Hail?
 - First-century Jewish thought regarding the coming of the Messiah was not monolithic (i.e., one and only one thought).
 - Some thought the Messiah's appearing would come from Bethlehem (vv. 41b-42; cf. Micah 5:2).
 - The crowds' awareness of Jesus is divided and sparks division (vv. 40-41a, 43-44).

OF OFFICERS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS (vv. 45-52)

- Unbelief provokes hostility in the hearts of the Pharisees and chief priests against the temple guards (vv. 45-48).
- Nicodemus responds concerning the Jewish Law (vv. 50-51), but those who should know better demonstrate their own misunderstandings (v. 52).

NOTES:

Suggested Reading:

The Blessed and Boundless God by George Swinnock

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 7:25-52

1. How does the truth of who Jesus is and what he has accomplished surprise you? In what ways does it unsettle your presuppositions about him?
2. The truth of Jesus naturally divides the world. What particular truths about Jesus are most divisive? In what ways does Scripture describe that division?
3. Have you personally experienced hostility specifically because of your faith in Christ? Spend some time discussing the challenge of such hostility, and remind one another of the hope we have in Christ.
4. The gospel is good news precisely because bad news overshadows sinful humanity. How does John 7:33-34 speak to both the hope of the gospel and the horror of hell?
5. Jesus Christ is the substance to which all Old Testament shadows pointed. Spend some time discussing how the hopes of the Feast of Tabernacles are fulfilled both in the coming of the Son of God and the sending of the Spirit of God.