

# Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

## Care Group

### Study in John

*Jesus Teaches at the Feast*

#### John 7:25–52 (ESV)

- <sup>25</sup> Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?"
- <sup>26</sup> And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?
- <sup>27</sup> But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from."
- <sup>28</sup> So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.
- <sup>29</sup> I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."
- <sup>30</sup> So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.
- <sup>31</sup> Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"
- <sup>32</sup> The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.
- <sup>33</sup> Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me.
- <sup>34</sup> You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come."
- <sup>35</sup> The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"
- <sup>36</sup> What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"
- <sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
- <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "
- <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- <sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet."
- <sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?"
- <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"
- <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people over him.
- <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.
- <sup>45</sup> The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?"
- <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"
- <sup>47</sup> The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived?"
- <sup>48</sup> Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?"
- <sup>49</sup> But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."
- <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them,
- <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?"
- <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

***The people of Jerusalem—the local Jews—ordinary folks—are confused. Jesus is the talk of the town and they are trying to figure out just exactly who He is.***

Verse 27 Why do they think that Jesus is probably not the Messiah?

What does that tell you about the people?

***Application: We need to be informed about the truths of Scripture. It is easy to be led astray. We need to be students of the Bible.***

verse 28 How does Jesus respond to their comments?

***Note: Jesus was not simply born into this world like any other human; He was sent to earth by the Father (verses 28-29). This means that He existed before He was born on the earth.***

Verses 30 and 44 say they are not able to lay a hand on Him. Why couldn't they seize Him?

***Application: What does that mean to us? God has a plan for my life also. God doesn't merely know how long we will live, He has ordained/determined the number of our days. There is no such thing as a premature death. That thought should help us get rid of fear.***

- ***Psalm 139:16 "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."***
- ***Job 14:5 "Man's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed."***

***v. 25-31 There is not a clear consensus about who the people think Jesus is. In spite of the zeal of those who wish to kill Jesus, there are also those who are drawn to Jesus by His teaching and miracles.***

One other thing to add to the confusion: What are the Messianic expectations of the Jews?

The temple guards are sent to arrest Jesus in verse 31. Why do they return empty handed in verses 45-46?

In verses 28-29 Jesus talks about where He is from. What does He talk about in verses 33-34?

How do the Jews respond to Jesus' comments about where He's going?

What does Jesus promise those who come to Him?

What does He mean by streams of living water?

**NOTE: Given = gift The Holy Spirit doesn't just appear on the scene. Jesus pours it out.**

**Application: If you have streams of living water flowing from within, what will be some of the symptoms/evidence? What will that look like in your life? Changed, transformed, different wants, priorities, attitudes, friends. Fruit of Spirit.**

**In verse 39 John speaks of Jesus' coming ordeal at the cross as being glorified, and that it must come before the power of Pentecost. Calvary is the necessary prelude to Pentecost, and the cross is seen as glory, not shame.**

How would you describe the attitude of the crowd toward Jesus in verses 40-44?

How do you explain that some are attracted to Jesus?

**Application: The same holds true for us today as we witness to the unsaved. Some will be ready to receive the truth. Some will not yet be ready.**

How would you describe the reaction of the Pharisees in verses 47-49?

How does Nicodemus engage his fellow Pharisees?

What is wrong with the statement of verse 52?