John Lesson 22

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INTRODUCTION

- Yet the best way to really study the Bible is in one place, verse by verse, what does it say?
- You listen to the word all right, but you test it. You read for yourself what saith the word of truth.
- Don't go by feelings, don't go by the popular thought of the day, but go by the word of God. Judge righteous judgment.

1 Three Questions Raised Concerning Jesus Christ

John 7:25–31; John 5:37–38; Matthew 15:13–14

- There are really three different questions that are raised in these few verses we've just read concerning Jesus Christ.
- Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? Is he the Messiah, the promised one of the scriptures?
- The signs were testimony that he is the Christ, the Son of God.
- The very fact that you've rejected me as the Son of God is proof that you do not know the Father.

2 Ye Shall Seek Me and Shall Not Find Me

John 7:32–36

- He seemed to be talking about his ascension back to be with the Father.
- There are those who say they are seeking Jesus Christ. But they'll not find Christ because of the way they're seeking him, the methods that they are using.
- They were looking for the wrong Christ.
- Jesus came to establish a spiritual kingdom, and that's what he did.

3 If Any Man Thirst, Let Him Come Unto Me

John 7:37–39; Isaiah 12:3; Acts 2:38

- If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
- The greatest problem anyone has is sin. And Jesus can remove that by forgiving us of our sins.
- He's speaking about the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive.
- He's using a figure of speech to talk about believing in him.

4 A Division Among the People: Is This the Christ?

John 7:40–44; Deuteronomy 18:15; Micah 5:2

- Moses had told them that God would raise up a prophet like unto him, that is like unto Moses.
- Now the word Christ literally means the anointed one or the Messiah.

- We know that he was born in the town of Bethlehem, even as the prophet had said over seven hundred years before this time.
- Jesus Christ fulfilled the scripture. He is the Son of God. He is the Christ.

5 Never Man Spake Like This Man; Prejudice Is a Thief

John 7:45–53; Matthew 13:13–15

- Prejudice is a thief. And these religious leaders, these rulers were so prejudiced, they had made their minds up.
- Doth our law judge anyone before it hears him? At least we ought to give him a fair trial.
- It's not a matter of doing what is just and judging righteous judgment. They have closed their minds.
- They don't want the truth, and they cannot have the truth because of their attitude toward it.

6 Three Great Proofs He Is the Christ

Acts 2:22; Acts 2:32

- He is the anointed one of whom the prophet spake, born in Bethlehem of the seed of David.
- There's the proof of the signs, the miracles, the wonders, and the signs which God did by Christ.
- Those apostles who saw it, testified, were willing to die. There's evidence he is the Christ.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What do you believe about him? I hope you accept him as the Son of God.**

MY NOTES