

## John 7:14-25

**John 7:14-18** – *“(14) Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. (15) And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? (16) Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. (17) If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. (18) He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.”*

A. Jesus does not stay away for too long. He comes to the temple to teach in the midst of the feast (**Luke 19:47-48** and **John 18:20**).

1. It should have been clear from the time our Lord was twelve years old that He was not an ordinary teacher (**Luke 2:40-50**).
2. The problem is, they examined Jesus based on earthly expectations of a teacher (**Luke 4:22**).
3. The marveling at the teaching of Christ was seen all throughout His time on this earth (**Matthew 7:28-29**, **Matthew 13:54**, **Matthew 22:22**, **Matthew 22:33**, and **John 7:46**).

B. Jesus was not teaching His own will (**John 8:28**, **John 12:49-50**, and **John 14:24**).

1. True doers of God's will knew that what Jesus was teaching was from the Father (**John 8:45-47**, **John 10:27**, **John 18:37**, **I Corinthians 14:37**, and **I John 4:1-6**).
2. Jesus was not on earth trying to rob glory from the Father (**Proverbs 25:27** and **John 8:50**).

**John 7:19-23** – *“(19) Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? (20) The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? (21) Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. (22) Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. (23) If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?”*

A. Jesus is able to hold these Jews accountable to their own law (**John 5:45** and **Romans 2:17-23**).

1. The Jews liked to claim allegiance to the Law of Moses (**John 9:28-29**).
2. Now that they are seeking to kill Jesus, it's time they are told that killing an innocent man is against the Law of Moses (**Deuteronomy 19:10** and **Jeremiah 22:3**).
3. What did Judas say when he considered his betrayal of Jesus (**Matthew 27:3-5**)?
4. What did even Pilate realize about Jesus being put to death (**Matthew 27:24-25**)?

B. They charged Jesus with having a devil (**Matthew 12:24, John 8:51-52, and John 10:20**).

1. Jesus is the source of truth, not a liar as they implied (**John 1:17, John 14:6, and Ephesians 4:21**).
2. The reason the Jews were seeking to kill our Lord goes back to His healing on the Sabbath (**John 5:10-16**).
3. Jesus points out that they're inconsistent in that they'll circumcise on the Sabbath, but not allow for a man to be healed (**Luke 16:11-17**).

**John 7:24-25** – *“(24) Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. (25) Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?”*

A. Jesus then teaches them not to judge based upon outward appearances (**John 8:15**).

1. The Jews had taken on the practice of accepting wickedness while looking to condemn our righteous Lord (**Proverbs 17:15**).
2. On top of their judging based on appearances, they also judged in hypocrisy (**Matthew 7:1-5**).
3. Had the Jews examined the work of our Lord, they'd know who He is (**Matthew 7:20 and John 5:36**).

B. Didn't the Jews deny that anyone sought to kill Jesus (**John 7:20**)?

1. They wanted to kill our Lord because His word had no place in them (**John 8:37**).
2. Sadly, those that hated our Lord didn't realize He came to help them (**Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10, and John 1:11**).