

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 7:14-24

*Jesus at The Feast of Booths:
Teaching in the Temple*

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JOHN 7-8

Working Summary –

- John 7–8 demonstrates that Israel rejected Jesus because they did not know the Father, a reality revealed by their refusal to recognize Jesus as the One sent from God (cf. 7:28-29, 8:19)

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¹⁴ But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach. ¹⁵ The Jews then were astonished, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. ¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

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¹⁹ "Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. ²² For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man. ²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath? ²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

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Main message:

- Only those with hearts submitted to God will rightly judge Jesus

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1. The *Skeptical Questioning* of Jesus' Teaching (vv.14-15)

- Jesus goes up to the feast not in dutiful observance or attendance but for the purpose of fulfillment
- The astonishment of the Jews regarding Jesus' teaching shows their underlying skepticism

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2. The *Unique Nature* of Jesus' Teaching (vv.16-18)

- The unique nature of Jesus' teaching is revealed by its *source*, *recognition* and *aim*
 - a) The **Source** – God
 - b) The **Recognition** – only by those with a right internal heart disposition
 - c) The **Aim** – God's glory

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3. The *Exposing Power* of Jesus' Teaching (vv.19-24)

- Jesus' teaching exposes the hearts and judgments of his hearers
- Jesus' teaching exposes the misunderstanding of his relationship to the Mosaic Law
- Jesus did not violate the Law; He obeyed it perfectly and fulfilled what it anticipated (cf. Matt 5:17)

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