

John Week 11 Study sheet

DAY 1

READ: *Jesus is A DEMON?*

John 7:19-24 “Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?” The people answered and said, “You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?” Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

COMMENTARY:

Jesus just stated that He was absolutely sinless and true, always seeking the glory of God in heaven. In contrast to Jesus, the religious leaders did not keep the law. They had the law, but did not keep it. In following the thought of Jesus, He said something like this: “I am sinless and none of you keep the law. Why then do you seek to kill Me? You are the ones guilty under the law, not I.” They thought Jesus was crazy and perhaps paranoid, and thought he might be possessed by a demon. It was permitted – even commanded – to do a negative work on the Sabbath, such as cutting away the flesh in circumcision. It was even more right to make a man completely well on the Sabbath, as Jesus did. They decided that Jesus appeared to be a sinner, and they appeared to be righteous. They were wrong each time, and they needed to judge with righteous judgment instead of only by appearances.

DAY 2

READ: *Jesus is The Christ*

John 7:25-29 “Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.” Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, “You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

COMMENTARY:

The people from Jerusalem knew that the religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus. The crowd that came for the feast did not know it, but those from Jerusalem did. Yet they were amazed that the rulers would not and could not stop Jesus from teaching. Jesus was never afraid or intimidated by the threats against Him. He still spoke boldly, and with such boldness that no one could make Him stop. Many (but not all) of the Jews of that time believed the Messiah would appear suddenly, as if out of nowhere. This first sentence of Jesus’ reply may well have been sarcastic. They *thought* they knew where He was from, but they were unaware of His heavenly origin. The crowds were perhaps confused about where the Messiah would come from, but Jesus knew exactly where He came from. Jesus was not a confused man, wondering if He was really the Son of God.

DAY 3

READ: *Jesus is GOING SOMEWHERE*

John 7:30-36 “Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. And many of the people believed in Him, and said, “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this *Man* has done?” The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. Then Jesus said to them, “I shall be with you a little while longer, and *then* I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come.” Then the Jews said among themselves, “Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What is this thing that He said, ‘You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come?’”

COMMENTARY:

Until the time was right, no one could lay a hand on Jesus. There would come a time when Jesus would say that His hour had come. Until that hour, Jesus was protected. The arresting officers wanted to take Him, but they couldn't. It just wouldn't happen. As Jesus spoke to the people, they were drawn to faith in Him. It didn't matter that many opposed Him or even wanted to kill Him. Jesus made public was Jesus believed upon, and they marveled at the many signs that He did. As the religious leaders sent officers to take Him, Jesus assured the officers that He would go away, but only at the appointed time - at His ascension (I go to Him who sent Me). They would not take Him away at the present time. Jesus spoke of His coming ascension to heaven, but they didn't understand. Willfully misunderstanding, they asked if He would go away to the Jewish communities outside the Promised Land. Remarkably, they exactly repeated what Jesus previously said. This statement troubled them, and they wanted to know what Jesus meant. He meant that He would not be found by the hostile examiner, those intending to arrest, silence, or kill Him.

Questions: There were two questions asked in the message that we encourage you to answer

- 1. I encourage you to sit down and discuss/pray through what the “WINS” are for your spiritual life, marriage, family, self, finances, etc.**
- 2. What are some areas in your life where you can LOOSE to WIN? Are there areas where you would rather be right than show the love of Jesus? Is there anyone you need to go back and ask for forgiveness?**

Quotes we can put on social media/website: *maybe choose 2*

- When we define our WIN, it will have an IMPACT on how we PLAY the GAME
- In order for Gods will to be done, we have to let Him define the WIN
- Jesus was playing a different game, with different rules, and a completely different definition of WINNING
- JESUS LOST SO YOU COULD WIN.

- What would change in the world if Christians didn't define a win as whatever was best for them