

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

September 10, 2017

John 7:25-36

READ

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Acts 23:6-10

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What are the opinions regarding Jesus? How do various people view Him?

- 7:12
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- 7:20
- 7:27
- 7:31

How do people arrive at such opinions? What opinions regarding Jesus have you encountered?
How did they surprise you?

2. What different reactions does Jesus elicit from people?

- 7:1
- 7:5
- 7:15
- 7:21
- 7:30
- 7:31

What reactions have you encountered?

3. How was the slowness of the rulers in moving against Jesus (c.f., 7:11) being interpreted by the people of Jerusalem (v. 26)? Why did this pose a problem for the rulers?

4. How are Jesus' words in vv. 28-29 so provocative?

5. There are three efforts to seize Jesus during the feast of tabernacles (vv. 30, 32, 44). Why do these efforts come to naught (v. 30)?

6. The Apostle Paul is taken before the ruling Jewish Council in Acts 23. The Council is composed of two primary factions: Sadducees (primarily composed of the chief priests) & Pharisees. Read Acts 23:6-10 to see some of the significant theological differences between them. The Sadducees were also prone to cooperate with or conciliate the Roman authorities while the Pharisees were anti-Roman. These two groups were, consequently, often at odds with one another. So what could cause the Pharisees and chief priests to put aside their differences and join forces against Jesus (vv. 31-32)?

7. What is this "little while longer" that Jesus is with them (vv. 33-34)? What is He saying about Himself? What is He saying about "the Jews"/rulers?

8. Discuss the important differences between v. 34 and Matthew 7:7 & John 14:3.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. This week I will deepen my relationship with Jesus by . . .