

John 7: 25- 44

John 7:25 At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? 26 Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man is from; **when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from.**" 28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. **You do not know him, 29 but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.**" 30 At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, **because his time had not yet come.** 31 Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?" 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him. 33 Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. 34 You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come." 35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36 What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come?'" 37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, **"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."** 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. 40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? 42 **Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?"** 43 Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. 44 Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

1) Why did the Jews assume that no one will know where the Christ is from?

Old Testament Prophecy:

Mic 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

New Testament Fulfillment:

Mt 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

Mt 2:5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

Mt 2:6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

2) In verse 30, why did the Jews tried to capture Jesus? (What two reasons do you find in verses 28-29?)

3) Why were the Jews unable to capture Jesus? What does this teach us about Jesus' death?

4) In verse 31-32, why did the chief priest send guards to arrest Jesus?

5) What did Jesus mean by His comments in verse 33-36? What does this say about Jesus' death?

6) In verse 37, what thirst and what drink was Jesus referring to?

7) According to verse 38, what experience will the person have who believes?

8) What is the difference between verses 27 and 42 and what can we learn from it?

9) In verse 44, why didn't the people lay a hand on Jesus even though some wanted to seize Him?

John 7: 45-53

John 7:45 Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" 46 "**No one ever spoke the way this man does,**" the guards declared. 47 "You mean **he has deceived you also?**" the Pharisees retorted. 48 "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? Joh 7:49 No! But **this mob that knows nothing of the law--** there is a curse on them." 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 51 "Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?" 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee." 53 Then each went to his own home.

- 1) In verse 46, why didn't the guards bring Jesus in?
- 2) In the opinion of the Pharisees in verse 47, who believes in Jesus?
- 3) In verse 49, what is another reason the Pharisees gave for some believing in Jesus?
- 4) In verse 51-52, what do we learn about the emotional state and reasoning of the Pharisees?
- 5) In verse 52, why were the Pharisees saying that Jesus came from Galilee?

John 8: 1-11

John 8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. **Now what do you say?**" 6 **They were using this question as a trap**, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "**If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.**" 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir," she said. "**Then neither do I condemn you,**" Jesus declared. "**Go now and leave your life of sin.**"

- 1) What was the purpose of the teachers and Pharisees giving Jesus this question?
- 2) In verse 6, what do you think Jesus began to write on the ground?
- 3) What was Jesus teaching in verse 7? Was Jesus saying that people should not be punished for any crime because everybody does things that are wrong?
- 4) Why do you think that the people trying to accuse the woman started to walk away?
- 5) According to verse 11, did Jesus know if the woman was guilty of adultery?
- 6) Why didn't Jesus condemn the woman? What is required in the Law?

Deuteronomy 17:6-7 (also 19:5)

De 17:6 On the testimony of two or three witnesses a man shall be put to death, but no one shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness.

De 17:7 The hands of the witnesses must be the first in putting him to death, and then the hands of all the people. You must purge the evil from among you.