

VERIFYING CHRIST'S CLAIMS  
(John 7:14-24)

- I. The SOURCE of His Knowledge (John 7:14-16)
  - A. Arriving at the middle of the feast, Jesus TAUGHT in the TEMPLE
  - B. The Jews were ASTONISHED by His MASTERY of Scripture
    - 1. They SCOFFED at Him as UNEDUCATED
    - 2. They missed the IRONY of this accusation against the Incarnate WORD
  - C. Jesus explained His teaching was “His WHO SENT ME”
    - 1. His authority EXCEEDED theirs
    - 2. Challenging Jesus' teaching was DEFYING GOD
- II. DISCERNING the Truth (John 7:17-18)
  - A. The one who is WILLING to do God's WILL is able to discern
    - 1. Genuine believers will RECOGNIZE the TRUTH in Christ
    - 2. Genuine believers will OBEY the WILL of God
    - 3. Those who obey known truth will discern TRUTH from ERROR
  - B. A man who promotes his own IDEAS seeks his own GLORY
  - C. Jesus is “seeking the GLORY of the ONE WHO SENT HIM”
    - 1. Unlike them, Jesus is TRUE
    - 2. Unlike them, “there is no UNRIGHTEOUSNESS in him”
- III. The HYPOCRISY of the Jews (John 7:19-23)

- A. They revered MOSES for giving them the LAW, yet none of them perfectly OBEYED the Law
  - 1. The Law CONDEMNNS EVERYONE
  - 2. They were guilty of plotting to MURDER JESUS
  - 3. The crowd accused Him of having a DEMON for thinking anyone sought to KILL Him

- B. They had MARVELED at His ONE ACT of healing on the Sabbath
  - 1. Every Jewish boy MUST be circumcised on his EIGHTH DAY
  - 2. It is hypocritical to DENOUNCE Jesus for healing a WHOLE MAN on the Sabbath

IV. The Call to RIGHTEOUS Judgment (John 7:24)

- A. Do not judge on the basis of APPEARANCE
- B. But exercise RIGHTEOUS judgment