

REACTIONS TO CHRIST'S CLAIMS  
(John 7:25-36)

- I. Initial CONFUSION (John 7:25-29)
  - A. They wondered how Jesus could speak OPENLY when the leaders sought to KILL Him (7:25-26a)
    - 1. Expected the leaders to TAKE ACTION
    - 2. Expected Jesus to be LESS BOLD
  - B. They thought surely the leaders HAD NOT decided Jesus was THE CHRIST after all (7:26b-27)
    - 1. Assumed they knew Jesus' ORIGINS
    - 2. Assumed Christ's origin would be UNKNOWN
  - C. Jesus MOCKED their presumption of KNOWLEDGE (7:28-29)
    - 1. Had not come on HIS OWN initiative
    - 2. Had been SENT by the TRUE ONE, whom they DID NOT KNOW
- II. Divided CONVICTION (John 7:30-32)
  - A. Some sought to SIEZE Him (7:30)
    - 1. Made an UNSUCCESSFUL attempt
    - 2. Made a PRE-MATURE attempt
  - B. Many of the crowd BELIEVED in Him (7:31)
    - 1. Aware of Jesus' SIGNS

2. Expected the Christ would do NO MORE than He
- C. The RELIGIOUS LEADERS decided to ARREST Him (7:32)
1. Made STRANGE ALLIES of the Pharisees and chief priests
  2. Sent TEMPLE POLICE to seize Jesus (cf. vv. 45-46)
- III. General CONTEMPT (John 7:33-36)
- A. Jesus SCORNE their attempt to ARREST Him (7:33-34)
1. Would still be “with you” for “a LITTLE WHILE”
  2. Would DEPART to the One who sent Him when READY
  3. Would be BEYOND their ABILITY to FIND Him
- B. The Jews MOCKED Jesus’ intention to “ESCAPE” (7:35-36)
1. Assumed they could find Him WHEREVER HE WENT
  2. Assumed leaving Judea to teach “the GREEKS” was RIDICULOUS