

WHO IS THIS MAN?
(John 7:37-52)

- I. Jesus' INVITATION (John 7:37-39)
 - A. Occurred on "the LAST/GREAT day" of the feast
 - B. Jesus SHOUTED, "If anyone is THIRSTY, let him come to ME and DRINK"
 - 1. The "thirsty" are those who recognize their SPIRITUAL thirst (cf. 4:13-14; with Isa. 55:1)
 - 2. To FIND what they need, they must COME to Jesus
 - 3. To ACQUIRE what they need, they must DRINK
 - C. Jesus promises "LIVING WATER" for "he who BELIEVES in Me"
 - 1. For the spiritual LIFE of the BELIEVER
 - 2. For the spiritual BENEFIT of OTHERS
 - D. John explains that Jesus spoke of the SPIRIT
 - 1. Believers WOULD receive the Spirit, but NOT YET
 - 2. Jesus must FIRST be GLORIFIED
- II. The People's RESPONSES (John 7:40-52)
 - A. The CONVINCED (7:40-41)
 - 1. Some identified Jesus as "the PROPHET" (cf. Deut. 18:15-18)
 - 2. Some identified Jesus as "the CHRIST"

B. The CONTRARY (7:42-44)

1. They asked if Messiah would really come from GALILEE
2. They insisted the Christ would descend from DAVID and come from BETHLEHEM—
3. Some of them wanted to SEIZE Him, but were UNABLE

C. The CONFUSED (7:45-49)

1. The OFFICERS returned without ARRESTING Jesus
2. They were commanded to EXPLAIN their FAILURE
3. They found Jesus' WORDS unique
4. The Pharisees MOCKED them for being "LED ASTRAY"
5. They arrogantly assumed they could not BE WRONG

D. The CONCERNED (7:50-52)

1. Nicodemus OBJECTED to their PREJUDICE
2. He is MOCKED as if he, too, were IGNORANT RABBLE