

A Meeting of the Minds John 7

Introduction

The question of the ages is “Who is Jesus?” It is the question for the crowd or the Pharisees of the first century and for the crowd or Mormons of the 21st century. The issue is always His Identity and Authority.

- I. The Circumstances of the People :1-10 **(Beginning of the Feast :2, 8)**
 - A. The Place

- B. The Predicament

- II. The Case of Jesus :11-36 **(Midst of the Feast :14)**
 - A. The Reply of Jesus :11-29
 - 1. Looking for Jesus :11-13

- 2. Listening to Jesus :14-29
 - Identity / Authority
 - My teaching is not mine but of God :16-17

- You do not know Moses :22

- You know me and where I am from :28

- B. The Reactions to Jesus :30-36
 - 1. The Crowd- Multitude :20, :30
 - 2. The Curious- Believer :31 (1:12, 2:23, 3:16,5:24 6:40)
 - 3. The Corrupt- Pharisees :32
 - 4. The Crowd -Jews :35-36

- III. The Challenge From Jesus :37-52 **(Last Day of the Feast :37)**

A. The Declaration of Jesus :37-39

B. The Decision of People :40-52

1. General Response of the people :40-44

He is a Prophet

Deut 18:15

He is the Christ?

John 1:29

He is not the Christ

2. Specific Response of Religious People :45-52

*Open to Jesus

Officers of the Pharisees :45-46

Nicodemus of the Pharisees :50 (3:4ff, 19:39 secret disciple of Jesus)

*Closed to Jesus

Pharisees - Religious Leaders :47, :52

Summary- When ever you talk with people about Jesus there will always be an opinion and there will always be conflict. Take that by faith. But do not let that keep you from asking the people to “have faith in His name”.