

John 7:11-30

11-13. Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" And there was much murmuring among the people concerning Him. **Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."** However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

- **John 7:43** "So there was a _____ among the _____ because of _____."
- **John 9:16** "Therefore some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is _____ from _____, because He does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How can a man who is a _____ do such _____?' And there was a _____ among them."

14-17. Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" Jesus answered them and said, **"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone WANTS to do His WILL, HE SHALL KNOW concerning the doctrine (teaching), whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority."**

- **Psalm 25:14** "The _____ of the _____ is with them that fear Him (have REVERENCE for Him), and He will _____ them His _____."
- **Read also Proverbs 1:28-30 and Proverbs 2:1-9.**

Definition: "If anyone WANTS to do His WILL, HE SHALL KNOW" - God does NOT reveal His will or more intimate DETAILS about Himself to those who are **just idly curious**. He **reveals Himself to those who WANT to DO His will and who WILL DO** His will.

- **Jeremiah 29:12-13** "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will _____ Me and _____ Me, when you _____ for Me with _____ your _____."
- **Deuteronomy 4:29** "But from there you will _____ the Lord your God, and you will _____ Him if you _____ for him with _____ your _____ and _____ your _____."

18. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and **NO unrighteousness is in Him.**

- **Hebrews 4:14-15** "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, _____ the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but [He] was in all points _____ as we are, yet _____."
- **Hebrews 7:26** "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless, _____, _____ from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who _____ no _____ to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

19-20. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? **Why do you seek to kill Me?** The people answered and said, **"You have a DEMON. Who is seeking to kill You?"**

- **Mark 11:18** "And the scribes and the chief priests heard it and _____ how they might _____ Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching."
- **Matthew 11:18** "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He _____ a _____.'"

Definition: "You have a DEMON" - Literally, they are saying Jesus is demon-possessed, but in this context, it was just a common expression for "You're CRAZY!"

21-23. Jesus answered and said to them, I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers) and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. **If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath**, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me **because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?** "

- **Acts 7:8** "Then He gave him the _____ of _____; and so Abraham begot Isaac and _____ him on the _____ day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs."

Definition: "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath" - God gave the law to Moses to give to the people of Israel, and circumcision was the outward sign of that covenant (Genesis 17:10 & Gen. 21:4). All male babies were to be circumcised on the eighth day after birth (Leviticus 12:3), so if the eighth day fell on a Sabbath, the priest would OBEY the law to circumcise on the eighth day, but would be "breaking the Sabbath" by doing "work" on the Sabbath, according to the way the Pharisees taught. Jesus made a man COMPLETELY WHOLE (WELL) on the Sabbath, thus establishing GOD'S WAY of keeping the Sabbath. God said the Sabbath was to be a day of REST from HARD LABOR, but that it was permitted to DO GOOD (to help someone, etc.) on the Sabbath.

- **Read Matthew 12:5-14** (Verse 8) "For the Son of Man is _____ even of the _____." (Verse 12) "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is _____ to do _____ on the _____."

24. "Do not judge according to APPEARANCE, but **judge with RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT.**"

- **Romans 14:4** "Who are you to _____ another's servant? To his own _____ he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for _____ is _____ to make him stand."
- **James 4:11-12** "Do not _____ of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and _____ his brother, speaks evil of the law and _____ the law [of God]. But if you _____ the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to _____ another?"
- **Read Matthew 7:1-5** (Verses 1-2) " _____ not, that you be not _____. For with what _____ you judge, you will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

Definition: "JUDGE with RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT" - This is the only kind of "judging" we are allowed to do. **If we see something that is WRONG and a SIN** according to God's word, **we are CERTAINLY allowed to JUDGE** that thing as being SINFUL and WRONG. If we see a BROTHER (fellow Christian) committing a sin, we are to go and try to restore that brother to godly lifestyle (I John 5:16; Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:15; I Corinthians 5:1-13).

- **Read I Corinthians 5:1-13** (Verses 11-12) "But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is a _____, or _____, or an _____, or a reviler (using bad language), or a _____, or an extortioner-not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with _____ those also who are outside [the church]? Do you not _____ those who are inside [the church]?"

Definition: "He who SPEAKS EVIL of a brother and JUDGES" - According to James 4:11-12, the kind of "judging" we are NOT to do is the kind that involves "speaking evil" of another person, which is GOSSIP. If you do not have all the facts, or if you are attributing certain MOTIVES to what a person does, you are NOT judging righteously, but are GOSSIPING. Only God can know the motives of a person's heart, and most of the time, we DO NOT have all the facts.

- **I Samuel 16:7** "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his _____ or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for _____ sees not as man sees, for _____ looks at the outward _____, but the Lord looks at the _____.'"

25-27. Then some of them from Jerusalem said, "**Is this not He whom they seek to kill?** But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? However, **we know where this Man is from;** but when the Christ comes, **no one knows where He is from.**"

- **Read Matthew 21:33-43** (verses 37-38) "Then last of all he sent his _____ to them, saying, 'They will _____ my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the _____, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us _____ him and seize his inheritance.'"
- **Matthew 26:3-4** "Then the chief _____, the _____, and the _____ of the people assembled at the palace of the high _____, who was called Caiaphas, and _____ to take Jesus by _____ and _____ Him."
- **John 8:23** "And He said to them, 'You are from _____; I am from _____. You are of this _____; I am _____ of _____ world.'"

Definition: "WE KNOW where this Man is FROM" - The crowds thought Jesus was from Nazareth, since that was where He grew up, but they were IGNORANT of where He was really from - HEAVEN! Their statement of "when the Christ comes, **no one knows where He is from**" was totally inaccurate also, because Micah 5:2 prophesied that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Messiah, the future ruler of Israel, and that this One has existed from ALL ETERNITY or "from EVERLASTING." The crowds were guilty of judging Jesus without knowing all the facts (see verse 24 above), because He WAS born in Bethlehem. God even used a heathen king, the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus, who made a law that everyone must return to the city of their ancestors for taking a census, so that Jesus would be born in the right place (see Luke 2:1-6).

- **Micah 5:2** "But you, Bethlehem [in] Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet _____ of you shall come forth to Me the _____ to be _____ in Israel, whose _____ forth have been from of old, from _____."

28-29. Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and **you know where I am from;** and I have not come of Myself, but **He who sent Me is TRUE,** whom you do not know. But **I KNOW Him, for I am FROM HIM, and He sent Me.**"

- **Matthew 11:27** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one _____ the _____ except the Father. Nor does anyone _____ the _____ except the Son, and he to whom the Son wills to _____ Him."
- **Luke 10:22** "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is but the Father, and who the _____ is but the _____, and the one to whom the Son wills to _____ Him."
- **John 8:42** "Jesus said to them, 'If _____ were your _____, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and _____ from _____; nor have I come of Myself, but He _____ Me.'"
- **Romans 3:3-4a** "For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the _____ of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let _____ be _____ but every man a liar....."

30. Then they sought to take Him; but **no one LAID A HAND on Him**, because **His HOUR had not yet COME**.

- **Read Luke 4:28-30** (Verse 30) "Then _____ through the _____ of them, He went His way."
- **John 8:59** "Then they took up _____ to _____ at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the _____ of them, and so _____ by."

Definition: "His HOUR had not yet COME" - The phrase "My time" or "My hour" occurs many times in the Gospels, and it refers to Jesus' DEATH on the CROSS. His death on the cross was the whole purpose for why He came, and it was planned by God the Father down to the last detail, including the day and time. We can draw comfort from this, knowing that as long as **we are walking close to the Lord and doing His will**, He will protect us, and He will not allow us to **die before our "time" has come**, and our purpose on earth has been fulfilled.

Definition: "PASSING THROUGH the MIDST of THEM" - Jesus **had to die in the RIGHT WAY (on the cross) and at the right time**, so whenever a mob of people tried to kill Jesus, God the Father protected Him, and He just walked away without being hurt.