

## John 7:31-46

**31-32.** And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When **the CHRIST COMES, will He do more SIGNS than these which this Man has done?** " The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him."

- **Matthew 12:23** "And all the multitudes were amazed and said, '\_\_\_\_\_ this be the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_?'"
- **Matthew 11:2-6** "And when John (John the Baptist) had \_\_\_\_\_ in prison about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, 'Are You the \_\_\_\_\_ One, or do we look for \_\_\_\_\_?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and \_\_\_\_\_ John the things which you hear and \_\_\_\_\_: "The \_\_\_\_\_ receive their \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ walk; the \_\_\_\_\_ are cleansed (healed) and the \_\_\_\_\_ hear; the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ up and the poor have the \_\_\_\_\_ preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

**Definition: "Will He do MORE SIGNS than these which THIS MAN has DONE?"** - The Jews were looking for the appearing of their Messiah (also called "Christ" and "Son of David"). They had certain prophecies in the Old Testament that told what SIGNS or MIRACLES the Messiah would do to show He really was the Messiah. Isaiah 61:1 is one of those prophecies. Jesus stood up in the synagogue and read aloud from that same portion of Isaiah, saying that He was the fulfillment of that prophecy (see Luke 4:14-21). To John the Baptist's question, Jesus merely quoted some of those prophecies, and then told John to make his decision based on how well He was fulfilling the prophecies.

- **Isaiah 61:1** "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ Me-to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the afflicted (humble); He has \_\_\_\_\_ Me to bind up the \_\_\_\_\_, to proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."
- **Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has \_\_\_\_\_ Me to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_; He has sent Me to \_\_\_\_\_ the brokenhearted; to preach \_\_\_\_\_ to the captives, and recovering of \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."
- **Read Isaiah 35:4-6** (Verses 5-6a) "Then the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ will be opened, and the ears of the \_\_\_\_\_ will be unstopped. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ will leap like a deer, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dumb (mute) will shout for joy...."

**33-34.** Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then **I GO to Him** who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me, and **where I am you cannot come.**"

- **John 14:2-6** "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare a place for you. And if I \_\_\_\_\_ and prepare a place for you, I will \_\_\_\_\_ again and \_\_\_\_\_ you to \_\_\_\_\_; that \_\_\_\_\_ I am, there \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ also. And where I \_\_\_\_\_ you know, and the way you know.' Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know \_\_\_\_\_ You are going, and how can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I AM the \_\_\_\_\_, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father except \_\_\_\_\_ ME.'"

**Definition: " Where I am you CANNOT COME"** - Jesus was referring to HEAVEN, and saying that the Pharisees and non-believing Jews would NOT be able to get into heaven. They thought they deserved to get into heaven because of their righteousness (good deeds, works, etc.), but God says **there is NO ONE righteous enough to get into heaven** on that basis. The only way to the Father in heaven is through Jesus.

- **Matthew 5:20** "For I say to you, that \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ exceeds (is greater than) the \_\_\_\_\_ of the scribes and \_\_\_\_\_, you will by \_\_\_\_\_ means enter the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Isaiah 64:6** "But we are \_\_\_\_\_ as an \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ are as \_\_\_\_\_ rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."
- **John 3:3** "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, \_\_\_\_\_ one is BORN AGAIN, he \_\_\_\_\_ see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

**Definition: "He CANNOT see the kingdom of God"** - The term "kingdom of God" and "kingdom of heaven" are the same in the Bible. It is NOT the keeping of laws, commandments, ordinances, rules, regulations or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS and WORTHY to be a part of God's Kingdom. It must be an **INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, a CREATION by GOD** of a COMPLETELY NEW PERSON, for someone to be a part of His Kingdom. This New Birth comes ONLY by a person BELIEVING (putting ALL their faith and trust) on Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**35-36.** Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to **go to the Dispersion** among the Greeks and teach Greeks? What is this thing that He said, '**You will seek Me and not find Me**, and where I am you cannot come?'"

- **James 1:1** "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes which are \_\_\_\_\_ abroad: Greetings!"

**Definition: "Go to the DISPERSION among the Greeks"** - The Jewish people had been DISPERSED (scattered) all over the world, because of the many times they had been taken captive by other nations. This was referred to as "the Dispersion." When Jesus said, "You will seek Me and not find Me," the Jews thought He meant He was going into one of these other countries, and they could not find Him. In James 1:1, the "twelve tribes which are scattered" refers to other Jewish believers in Christ who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire.

- **Read Acts 2:5-11** (Verse 5) "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_, devout men, from every \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven." (Verses 9-11) "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and Cappadocia, Pontus and \_\_\_\_\_. Phrygia and Pamphylia, \_\_\_\_\_ and the parts of \_\_\_\_\_ adjoining Cyrene, visitors from \_\_\_\_\_, both \_\_\_\_\_ and proselytes (converts to Judaism), Cretans and \_\_\_\_\_ -we hear them speaking in our own tongues (languages) the wonderful works of God."

**37-39.** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, **let him come to Me and DRINK**. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his **HEART** will flow rivers of **LIVING WATER**." But this He spoke concerning **the SPIRIT, whom those believing in Him would receive**; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- **Isaiah 44:3** "For I will pour \_\_\_\_\_ on him that is \_\_\_\_\_, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour out My \_\_\_\_\_ on your offspring, and My blessing upon your descendants."
- **Revelation 21:6** "And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life \_\_\_\_\_ to him who \_\_\_\_\_.'"
  - **Revelation 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who \_\_\_\_\_ come. And whoever \_\_\_\_\_ let him \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of life \_\_\_\_\_."
- **John 4:13-14** "Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that I shall give him will never thirst. But the \_\_\_\_\_ that I shall give him will become in him a \_\_\_\_\_ of water springing up into \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Ephesians 1:13** "In Him you also \_\_\_\_\_, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, having \_\_\_\_\_, you were sealed with the \_\_\_\_\_ of promise,"
- **John 14:16-17** "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees \_\_\_\_\_ nor knows \_\_\_\_\_; but you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Read I Corinthians 12:11-20** (Verse 11) "But one and the same \_\_\_\_\_ works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." (Verse 13) "For \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ we were all \_\_\_\_\_ into one \_\_\_\_\_ - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and have all been made to \_\_\_\_\_ into ONE \_\_\_\_\_." (Verse 18) "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the \_\_\_\_\_, just as He pleased."

**Definition: "Made to DRINK into ONE SPIRIT"** - Water is used as a SYMBOL of the Holy Spirit all throughout scripture, even in the Old Testament (see Ezekiel 36:25-27).

- **Isaiah 12:3** "Therefore you will joyously draw \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Jeremiah 2:13** "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no \_\_\_\_\_." Jeremiah 17:13 "O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who \_\_\_\_\_ Thee will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, because they have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ water, even the Lord."

**Definition: "JESUS was not yet GLORIFIED"** - Jesus was speaking about His death and resurrection, which at this point, was yet in the future. **On the Day of Pentecost**, AFTER Jesus was "glorified" by His resurrection and ascension to heaven, the Holy Spirit was GIVEN and continues to be given to ALL WHO BELIEVE in Him (II Cor. 1:22 & II Cor. 5:5).

- **Romans 8:9** "But you are not in the flesh but in the \_\_\_\_\_, if indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ in you. Now if anyone does \_\_\_\_\_ have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

**Definition: "HE IS NOT HIS"** - There is no such thing as a Christian who does not have the Holy Spirit living (dwelling) inside of him. **You CANNOT BE a Christian, you CANNOT BE SAVED, and NOT have the Holy Spirit IN YOU.**

**40-43.** Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ," but some said, "**Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David** and

from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him.

- **II Timothy 2:8** "Remember that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was raised from the dead according to my gospel."
- **Read Luke 2:1-6** (Verse 4) "And Joseph also went up from \_\_\_\_\_, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which is called \_\_\_\_\_, because he was of the house and lineage of David."
- **Acts 13:22-23** "And when He had removed him, He raised up for them \_\_\_\_\_ as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found \_\_\_\_\_ the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.' From this man's \_\_\_\_\_, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Jeremiah 23:5-6** "'Behold, the days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'When I shall raise up for \_\_\_\_\_ a righteous Branch (descendant); and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ our Righteousness.'"
- **Revelation 22:16** "I, \_\_\_\_\_, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the Bright and Morning Star."

**44-46.** Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "**No man ever SPOKE like this Man!**"

- **Luke 4:22** "So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious \_\_\_\_\_ which proceeded out of His \_\_\_\_\_. And they said, 'Is this not Joseph's son?'"

**Definition: "No man ever SPOKE like this Man!"** - Of course no one ever spoke like Jesus - He was and is the LIVING WORD OF GOD! Every word Jesus spoke was DIRECTLY from God the Father, and Jesus could speak it with AUTHORITY, because He was God the Son.

- **John 1:1** "In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was with God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was God."
- **Revelation 19:13** "He (Jesus) was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His \_\_\_\_\_ is called The \_\_\_\_\_ of God."