

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 7:11-36

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Reason for Debate”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Decisions, evangelism, mixed multitudes

Chapter 7 is Divided into Three Sections

We look to the Old Testament Festival of Tabernacles

The priest again

Moe in the wilderness and his tents

Dangers of Disbelief

Before the Feast There was Disbelief

vv. 1-10

The Reason for Debate

In The Midst of the Feast There was Debate

vv. 11-36

The Cause for Division

After the Feast There was Division

vv.37-52

“The Reason for Debate”

1.) To introduce the possibility of debate vv. 11-13

a.) God's issues always demand our attention v.11-12

Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" 12 And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him.

b.) God's challenges always test our foundation v.12

Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

c.) God's spiritual economy never sits idle v.13

However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

2.) To qualify what one believes in vv. 14-24

a.) We must be taught of God v.14-15

14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

b.) His authority must not be his own v.16-17

16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me
17 "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority

c.) Reflects the purpose of God in life v.18-19

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. 19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"

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3.) *Is to bring about a change of mind* v.v. 25-29

a.) *Consideration is a human attribute* v.25-26

25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? 26 "But look! He speaks boldly and they say nothing to Him.

b.) *Knowledge of the holy is innate* v.26-27

Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? 27 "However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.

c.) *Repentance toward God* v.28-29

" 28 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. 29 "But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.**"

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4.) *Is because there is in fact a reason* v.v. 30-36

a.) *Look to the works of Christ* v.30-31

30 Then they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. 31 **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?"**

b.) *Be sure about your position*

v.32-34

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. 33 Then Jesus said to them, "**I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.** 34 **"You will seek Me and not find Me,**

c.) *Heaven is where He is*

v.34b-36

and where I am you cannot come." 35 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 the Greeks? 36 "What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"