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The Right Answer

John 7:40-52

I. Those Who Received Jesus (vv. 40-41a)

- A. Jesus is the _____ (v. 40) [Deut. 18:15-18; Jn. 1:21, 25; 6:14; Acts 3:19-23]
- B. Jesus is the _____ (v. 41a) [Jn. 3:14-15; 4:25-26; 5:24; 6:26-27]

II. Those Who Rejected Jesus (vv. 41b-44)

- A. _____ about the origination of the Christ (v. 41b) [Jn. 7:52]
- B. _____ about the lineage of the Christ (v. 42) [2 Sam. 7:12-13; Psa. 89:3-4; Mic. 5:2]
- C. _____ over the acceptance of the Christ (vv. 43-44) [Jn. 9:16; 10:19; Lk. 12:51-53; Lk. 2:12-14]

III. Those Who Ridiculed Jesus (vv. 45-49)

- A. The officers' _____ to arrest Jesus (vv. 45-46) [Matt. 7:29; 22:46]
- B. The Pharisees' _____ of faith in Christ (vv. 47-48) [Jn. 12:42; 19:38-39]
- C. The _____ of the chief priests' and Pharisees' perception (v. 49) [1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8]

IV. Those Who Researched Jesus (vv. 50-52)

- A. Nicodemus' _____ interaction with Jesus (v. 50) [Jn. 3:1-5]
- B. Nicodemus appropriately _____ God's Law (v. 51) [Deut. 1:16-17; Prov. 18:13, 17; Acts 17:10-11]
- C. Nicodemus is _____ by the religious authorities (v. 52) [2 Kgs. 14:25; Matt. 5:10-12]

TAKE HOME

- How _____ is knowledge in religion, if it is not accompanied by grace in the heart.
- How _____ must have been our Lord's gifts, as a public Teacher of the truth.
- How _____ and gradually the work of grace goes on in some hearts.

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 7:40-41a. Now look at Deut. 18:15-18; Acts 3:19-23; Jn. 3:14-15. How do these passages point to the fact that Jesus is the prophet and the Christ?

2. Read John 7:41b-44. Why did the chief priests and the Pharisees reject Christ? What were they confused about?

3. Read 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Psa. 89:3-4; and Micah 5:2. Was there anything unclear about these pointers? Why didn’t the Jewish leaders take the time to do their homework well?

4. Read Jn. 9:16; 10:19; Lk. 12:51-53; Lk. 2:12-14. How did Jesus come to bring peace, but at the same time come to divide?

5. Read John 7:45-49. Why did the Jewish leaders ridicule those who contemplated Jesus’ teaching? What is the irony of v. 49 when you compare it with 1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8?

6. Read John 7:50-52. What happened in the previous interaction with Nicodemus? (Jn. 3:1-5) How does Nicodemus seek to appropriately apply God’s law and how can we do the same? (Deut. 1:16-17; Prov. 18:13, 17; Acts 17:10-11)

7. Read the take home statements. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on this passage?

*“There are many today who, like these men of old, can quote the Scriptures readily and accurately, and yet who give no evidence that they have been born again.
An experiential acquaintance with Christ is the one thing needful.
A heart knowledge of God’s truth is the vital thing,
and it is that which no schooling or seminary training can confer.”*

- A.W. Pink, *Exposition of the Gospel of John*