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Mistaken Identity

John 7:25-36

I. Could This Be The Christ? (vv. 25-29)

- A. The Jews wanted to _____ Jesus (v. 25)
- B. The Jews were not doing _____ about it (v. 26)
- C. The Jews thought they knew Jesus' _____ (v. 27)
- D. Jesus sets the record _____ (vv. 28-29)

II. Could Anyone Do More Than This Man? (vv. 30-32)

- A. The _____ timing of Jesus' death (v. 30)
- B. Would the Christ do more _____ than Jesus had done? (v. 31)
- C. The Pharisees effort to have Jesus _____ (v. 32)

III. Could We Come To Where It Is That Christ Is Going? (vv. 33-36)

- A. _____ will never be allowed to go to heaven (vv. 33-34)
- B. Even believing _____ will go to heaven before an ethnic Jew (v. 35)
- C. The _____ missed Jesus' point entirely (v. 36)

TAKE HOME

- How does understanding Christ's _____ help you better understand your own?
- Do you realize the significance of the fact that no one could ever do _____ than Jesus
- Are you past the point of no _____?

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 7:25-26. If the Jews wanted to kill Jesus, why weren’t they doing anything about it? Why did they want to kill Jesus? (Jn. 5:18) How does Isaiah 50:7-9 apply?

2. Read John 7:27-29. Where did the Jews think Jesus was from? Where was Jesus from? (Micah 5:2) How does Jesus set the record straight?

3. Read John 7:30. What is “the hour” that Jesus keeps talking about? (Jn. 8:30; 12:23, 27) Read John 19:9-11. How does this comfort you today?

4. Read John 7:31-32. What kind of miracles would the Messiah be doing? (Isa. 29:18; 35:5-6) How could anyone do more than that? Why did the Jews want Jesus eliminated?

5. Read John 7:33-34. What is Jesus saying here? How does Matt. 25:10-12; Heb. 12:16-17; Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26 add to our understanding?

6. Read John 7:35-36. What were the Jews mocking Jesus about? How did this come true? (Acts 1:8; Rom. 11:7-11) How did the scoffers miss Jesus’ point entirely?

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

“Let us take heed to ourselves lest we sin after the example of the unbelieving Jews, and never seek the Lord Jesus as a Savior till it is too late. The door of mercy is still open. The throne of grace is still waiting for us. Let us give diligence to make sure our interest in Christ, while it is called to-day.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*