

## The Gospel of John week 7

What is your reaction to Jesus? Verdict: mixed reviews.

John 7:1-9

Jesus' brothers view of Jesus – claim the \_\_\_\_\_, take advantage of it while you can.

John 7:4-5 (NLT) You can't become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!" For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

How we see it today: Use Jesus and the church to make myself \_\_\_\_\_. Their belief of Jesus is shallow if even decided.

John 7:10-36

The crowds view of Jesus – he could be a crazy man trying to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

John 7:24 (NLT) Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly.

How we see it today: Hearing about salvation through grace and the teachings of Jesus seem strange and foreign. Jesus might be real, but he also could just be another cultural \_\_\_\_\_.

The Jewish leaders view of Jesus – he is a trouble maker, stirs up drama and \_\_\_\_\_ our comfort by challenging our authority.

John 7:32 (NLT) When the Pharisees heard that the crowds were whispering such things, they and the leading priests sent Temple guards to arrest Jesus.

How we see it today: Already have their mind \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus. Even if He is real, belief in Him will only mess up the life they currently have, something they really don't want.

John 7:37-39

These three views of Jesus are not \_\_\_\_\_.

John 7:37-39 (NLT) On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

John 7:40-52

Many were \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus by something they couldn't explain.

John 7:46 (NLT) "We have never heard anyone speak like this!" the guards responded.

How we see it today: God \_\_\_\_\_ everyone with his love and draws us to Him.

What is your reaction to Jesus?

Final Thought: It doesn't matter where your journey starts; it does matter where it is taking you. Is your journey taking you to \_\_\_\_\_? Will you take the next step?

## John 7 discussion questions

What different reactions have you seen or experienced in regards to Jesus? The same as the ones described in this passage or different ones? Explain.

Read Leviticus 23:33-44. John 7:1 – 10:21 all take place during this festival. Does reading the details of the festival change your view at all? Why or why not?

What has drawn you to Jesus? Once you started your journey with Jesus what has kept you moving forward in your faith? The same motivation that originally drew you in or something different? Explain.

Read John 7:37-39. This is the third chapter in a row that Jesus has mentioned living water. What makes this a good analogy for the Holy Spirit? John says in verse 39 that all believers have the gift of the Holy Spirit. Describe a time that you have experienced the Holy Spirit first hand. (If you have time, read Ezekiel 47:1-12. In this vision Ezekiel sees water flowing from the temple out among the people. What does this vision teach us about God and His presence?)

What is the next step in your faith journey? What do you need to take that next step?