

Gospel of John
[Teaching in Jerusalem (Part 1) (John 7:11-24)]

-Prevailing Themes in Chapter 7:

Conversations with Jesus / Controversy about Jesus / Conspiracy against Jesus

I. The Situation Prior to Jesus' Arrival in Jerusalem (vs. 11-13)

- The Jews were looking for Jesus (v. 11).
- The crowds were divided in their opinions about Jesus (v. 12).
- No one spoke openly about Jesus because they were afraid to (v. 13).

II. The Challenge to Jesus' Qualifications to Teach (vs. 14-18)

- Astonishment: How could Jesus have such learning without formal training? Where did He get it from? (v. 15; Luke 2:47; Acts 4:13)
- Jesus' teaching was not His. It was His Father's (v. 16).
- The people failed to receive Jesus' teaching because they failed to realize something about themselves (v. 17).
- The people failed to receive Jesus' teaching because they failed to realize something about Jesus (v. 18).

III. The Submission of Jesus' Appeal to Moses (vs. 19-24)

- Jesus knew about their plot to kill Him (vs. 19-20).
- Jesus refers to the healing of the invalid at the pool of Bethesda (v. 19; ch. 5)
- The circumcision law predated Moses (v. 22).
- Jesus argues from the lesser to the greater (vs. 21-23).
- Jesus sums up His defense (v. 24).

Practical Lessons

- 1) Who do you say Jesus is?
- 2) Do you listen to Jesus?
- 3) Do you make proper judgments?