

John 25 - Jesus' Schedule: Why Confused?

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John 7:25-52 (7:37-39)

Integrate Your Bible

- Easiest way to engender confusion is to look at your *small picture*, changing its context {Reason for debates}
 - The Bible must be understood as an *integrated* unity
 - Christ quoted the Torah {Law}, the Nevi'im {Prophets} and the Ketuvim {Writings} that spoke of Him (Lk 24:27)
- Most Jews, like most Christians, did not integrate their Biblical theology, they hid in their doctrinal exclusivity

Denominations are simply the means to limit biblical integration according to one's specific doctrinal viewpoints
Ep 4:1-7

Lost Can Never Know the Bible

- Unrealistic to expect the lost to have unambiguous or integral biblical knowledge {No one does (1Co 13:12)}
- Bible can *only* be understood through the Spirit (1Co 2:12-14)
- Lost do study but can never arrive at integrated truth due to their sin nature {Judas-Man of Kerioth} (2Ti 3:1-7)
- Majority of Sukkot pilgrims are religious, pious and lost, while the hierarchy are jaded {scoffers} and lost (1Pe 3:6, 12)

Crowd of Confusion

- In our last lesson some of the crowd claimed Christ had a demon when He said Jews wanted to kill Him
 - This lesson, some Jews *admit* hierarchy wanted Him *dead*
- We will learn that rejection of integrated truth is replaced with one's own view of truth ➡ confusion
 - Opinions based on birth place, signs, and other empiricisms; sin cannot accept Christ's truth of itself

Where is He From?

- Vignettes of certain dialogues depict the confusion the Jews had about truth of Jesus' message of eternal life
 - Begins with local Jews knowing the authorities wanted to kill Christ since the Bethesda healing
 - As Christ is openly teaching some believe leaders may also believe Jesus is the Messiah as He is not arrested
 - Various groups display different doctrinal views of Him

Messiah Not From Galilee

- They referenced the Nevi'im; however, the crowd's knowledge of Jesus' history was incomplete {Messiah to come from Bethlehem} (Micah 5:2-3)
 - Jesus was born and lived in Bethlehem two years
OM: 2:16-18, LK 2:3-7
 - Taken to Egypt, upon return family moved to Galilee
OM: 2:13-15, 18-23
- He was from Beth-lehem [House of Bread] & Egypt

Christ *Repeats* His True Origins

- Christ says they know where He is from because He has told them and He repeats it again (Jn 1:1-18)
 - He was sent from the Father with message of truth
 - He correcting their understanding of the Law {Grace}
 - Implication is that to accept Christ is to accept God
- There are those who hear His truth and accept Him
 - Rationale: Can Messiah do more signs? {Is He Messiah?}

Rabbis Align with Sadducees

- Pharisees remained a strong group and usually opposed the priests' power {Different doctrinal views}
- Pharisees elicit Sadduceeic help, and vice versa, to eliminate Jesus {Democracy joining Statist power}
 - Rabbis cannot refute Christ; they align with Sadducees
 - Sadducees cannot refute Christ; they align with Rome
 - Sadducees send Temple guards to arrest Christ

Christ Foreshadows His Death

- John is building tension foreshadowing Jesus' death
 - Christ has no illusions how this will end
 - John shows that Christ is not under the power of these authorities; He has power over them
 - He cannot be taken until His time is ready {full} (Jn 2:23)
 - Christ ominously states many of the crowd will remain lost {Seek Him {truth} but will not find Him {truth}}

Most of Crowd Rejects His Truth

- Christ says they will seek Him but not find Him
 - This foreshadows the troubling times resulting in the destruction of the Temple by the Romans (70 A.D.)
 - They seek their God but will reject Jesus' visitation
(Lk 13:34-35)
- Crowd asks if He take His ministry to the Diaspora
 - They do not conceive of themselves as murderers

Doctrinal Confusion Reigns

- The Sadducees, priesthood, sent Temple guards to arrest Jesus to stop His message
 - Crowd becoming increasingly torn between conflicting doctrines making for a volatile mixture
 - Sadducees - Some believe He is the Prophet (He is)
 - Pharisees - Some believe He is Messiah (He is)
 - Jesus' truth crosses their denominational boundaries; thus, many disbelieve relying on their own truths (Lies)

Christ not Arrested by Guards

- Temple guards did not arrest Christ because they could not refute His truth
 - Elitist harbingers of truth set themselves above all others
 - Sadducees chide the guards for being as gullible as the crowd
 - They show contempt for the crowd calling them cursed for not knowing the Law (Jab at Pharisees' teaching)

Nicodemus's Counsel Rejected

- Nicodemus appeals to the Law that requires a hearing and a defense before judging anyone
 - His counsel is rejected on the same grounds as many in the crowd used: Messiah does not come from Galilee
 - They did not respond to his charge but retorted with a quip that revealed their true intentions - Power
 - They do not intend to give power to any Messiah, ever (Lucifer)

Everyone Displays Ignorance

- These vignettes shows people's profound ignorance of Scriptures whether religious leaders or people
 - Yet, everyone should have known the *time of His visitation* since it was clearly provided
 - They were without excuse since they boasted about their biblical (doctrinal) knowledge
 - They proved the truth: Sin never surrenders to the Spirit (Ro 8:5-8)

Gabriel Gave Them a Schedule (Dn 9:20-26d)

- Jeremiah foretold the captivity would end, 70, years and Daniel began praying for Jew's sins and restoration (Je 25:8-14)
 - Jews ignored the Law: rest the land every 7 years (Ex 23:11)
 - God warned them their captivity would give the land the Sabbaths they had stolen over 490 years (Le 26:34, 2Cr 36:21)
 - God plays on the 70 years theme about His rest (Is 41:7)
 - Daniel's 70 week-years would also equal 490 years

God Defines the Last Days

- Using the seven, completion, God, via Gabriel, gives Daniel breakdown of the *last days*
 - Seven weeks of 7 years (49 years): Jerusalem rebuilt
 - Sixty-two weeks of 7 years (434 years): Intertestament
 - These total 69 weeks of 7 years (483 years): Christ killed
 - Indeterminate time known only to the Father (Mt. 13:32-37)
 - One week of 7 years (7 years): Great Tribulation

Major Last Times Events

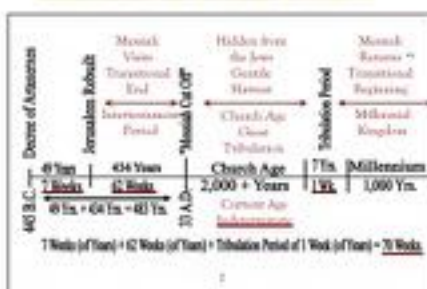
- From the giving of the decree by Artaxerxes (444 B.C.)
 - Jerusalem rebuilt, including the Temple (49 years)
 - Till Messiah comes and be cut off (Killed) (483 years)
 - Messiah returns during a time of great distress (7 years) (Q. 30:4-9)
 - Millennial Kingdom is its own period as sinful people, rallied by Lucifer recently released, march on Christ at Jerusalem; then Christ ends this creation and enters the judgment (Re. 20:7-13)

Schematics of Daniel's Prophecy

Messiah's Death 33 A.D.



Overview of Last Days



Messiah's Death *Non Sequitur*

- Jews doctrinal views could not comprehend a suffering Messiah who would die with a conquering Messiah
 - They did not perceive Messiah coming twice
 - First: Suffering Messiah for sin (Lk 5:1-11)
 - Second: Conquering Messiah establishing His Kingdom (Millennial Kingdom) (Lk 5:12, Zc 14:1-9)
- Their hermeneutics *ignored* Daniel's timeline (Allegorical)

Confusion When Bible Ignored

- Confusion over Jesus as Messiah was of their own making, since they ignored Scriptures they did not understand or that did not agree with their doctrines
 - Reference to the exact year showed Jesus as Messiah
 - Their adherence to their doctrinal beliefs killed Messiah robbing themselves of God's rest promised to all who believe (Are Called); i.e., exchanged salvation for works (Ro 1:18-23)

Do Not Ignore the *Last Week*

- Most of Christendom rejects doctrines encompassing a coming Great Tribulation, an Antichrist leader, etc.
 - It is incompatible with their doctrines, as with the Jews
 - Exchanging truth of God for Lucifer's lie they rob themselves of God's rest to resist Him at His coming (Ro 6:12-17)
- Many Christians will be surprised when He suddenly comes because of *their* doctrines (Mt 25:1-13, 2Co 5:10, 2Ti 4:1-8)