

## **My Thoughts About Jesus?**

**John 7:1-13**

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What do you think of Jesus? Who is He really?

Who is the author of life? What is the meaning of life?

### **What Was the Feast of Tabernacles? v. 2**

They remembered the wilderness and rejoiced in the harvest.

Just as God was with us then, so too, God is with us now.

### **What Do People Think of Jesus?**

#### **Jesus Needs to Be Killed v. 1, 11.**

The Jewish leaders were furious at Jesus. Why? John 5:18

Jesus was disturbing the religious peace and toppling the established order.

We also want to neutralize Jesus. To water Him down. To tame Him.

#### **Jesus Needs to Be Managed, Guided, Utilized. v. 3-5**

The brothers of Jesus give Him some good, worldly advice.

Make a name for Yourself. A marketing strategy.

How do we sometimes think the same way?

How did Jesus respond? “The world cannot hate you.”

Jesus stands against the wisdom of the world.

My time has not yet come to go to this feast.

Did Jesus lie to his brothers? Not yet.

#### **Jesus of Qualified Acceptance, v. 12**

He is good. But He is more than merely good.

You cannot encounter the real Jesus and accept Him in only a partial, limited way.

## **Jesus as a False Prophet, v.12**

Follow the majority and the popular opinion.

What is implicit faith?

The Jesus people are crazy people.

### **Fear of Following Jesus v. 13**

What will other people think if I publicly embrace Jesus?

What will happen to me if I commit to Jesus?

### **Who is Jesus?**

Only an encounter with the true, full Jesus is adequate for open faith.

## **Meditation**

The human mind, being created, has an understandable uneasiness about the uncreated. We do not find it comfortable to allow for the presence of One who is wholly outside of the circle of our familiar knowledge. We tend to be disquieted by the thought of One who does not account to us for His being, who is responsible to no one, who is self-existent, self-dependent and self-sufficient.

To admit that there is One who lies beyond us, who exists outside of all our categories, who will not be dismissed with a name, who will not appear before the bar of our reason, nor submit to our curious inquiries: this requires a great deal of humility, more than most of us possess, so we save face by thinking God down to our level, or at least down to where we can manage Him.

The whole outlook of mankind might be changed if we could all believe that we live under a friendly sky and that the God of heaven, though exalted in power and majesty, is eager to be friends with us.

**A.W. Tozer**, *The Knowledge of the Holy*