

Confused About Jesus
John 7:25-36
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Do you have a hill you are willing to die on?

Why should the person and work of Jesus be one of your hills?

What are some false views of Jesus?

Why must unbelief continually reinforce itself?

Is Jesus the Christ? v. 25-27

John wrote this entire gospel to show that Jesus is the Christ. John 20:30-31

What were people saying about Jesus?

Why were the people of Jerusalem confused? v. 25

Maybe they think He is the Christ? (We need to find another reason for our unbelief!)

What did Rabbi Zera teach?

Many find one poor, illogical reason to reject Jesus and stop searching.

Jesus Responds, v. 28-29

You think you know Me, but you don't.

I came from God, and God is true, and you do not know Him.

Be careful when you say, "Biblical" or "Thus saith the Lord."

You Don't Have Forever to Decide. v. 32-36

"Those that have plenty of the means of knowledge and grace, if they are not made better by them, are commonly made worse." Matthew Henry

See John 8:21.

Jesus will soon return to His Father.

The Pharisees made their choice - we are going to arrest Him.

You must make a choice. Is Jesus the Christ? Is He the Savior?

Reasons to Believe Jesus v. 31

A weak start, but a start, nonetheless. John 8:31-36

Our beginning to take an interest in Jesus is crucial for our future.

Meditation

The School of Christ: "The school of Christ humbles before it honors, breaks before it builds."

This is no contradiction, but the clear pattern of how God works through grace. Christ, the wise and faithful Teacher, does not lift up a soul until He has first brought it low, nor does He strengthen it until it has been emptied of self-reliance and worldly supports. The soul must be made low before it can be rightly lifted up; it must be emptied before it can be filled with God.

In this school, the first lessons are hard for the flesh—conviction, sorrow over sin, and self-denial. The proud heart must be humbled by the Law, and the stubborn will must submit to the yoke of Christ. Just as the ground must be tilled and broken before it can bear fruit, so the heart must be wounded by repentance before it can be healed by grace. The axe must cut at the root of self before Christ can take hold and grow.

Yet this humbling is not meant to destroy, but to prepare. This breaking is not to ruin, but to make space for Christ. He wounds, but His wounds are faithful (Prov. 27:6); He bruises so that He may bind up. Every tear shed in repentance will reap a harvest of joy. The stones must be cleared, and the foundation dug deep, if the house is to stand strong. So Christ digs deep in the soul, that He may build high in grace.

Therefore, do not resist Christ's humbling hand. The rod in His hand is not the rod of a tyrant, but of a loving Teacher. He bruises so that He may bless; He casts down so that He may lift up. The school of Christ is not easy on the flesh, but it is sweet to the soul—for He never humbles without also raising, and never breaks without building something better.

- Ralph Venning