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John 7:14-36 ¹⁴About halfway through the feast, Jesus went up to the temple courts and began to teach. ¹⁵The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man attain such learning without having studied?" ¹⁶"My teaching is not My own," Jesus replied. "It comes from Him who sent Me. ¹⁷If anyone desires to do His will, he will know whether My teaching is from God or whether I speak on My own. ¹⁸He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory, but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is a man of truth; in Him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps it. Why are you trying to kill Me?" ²⁰"You have a demon," the crowd replied. "Who is trying to kill You?" ²¹Jesus answered them, "I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. ²²But because Moses gave you circumcision, you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath (not that it is from Moses, but from the patriarchs.) ²³If a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses will not be broken, why are you angry with Me for making the whole man well on the Sabbath? ²⁴Stop judging by outward appearances, and start judging justly." Is Jesus the Christ? ²⁵Then some of the people of Jerusalem began to say, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? ²⁶Yet here He is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying anything to Him. Have the rulers truly recognized that this is the Christ? ²⁷But we know where this man is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where He is from." ²⁸Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "You know Me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on My own accord, but He who sent Me is true. You do not know Him, ²⁹but I know Him, because I am from Him and He sent Me." ³⁰So they tried to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹Many in the crowd, however, believed in Him and said, "When the Christ comes, will He perform more signs than this man?" ³²When the Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about Jesus, they and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Him. ³³So Jesus said, "I am with you only a little while longer, and then I am going to the One who sent Me. ³⁴You will look for Me, but you will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come." ³⁵At this, the Jews said to one another, "Where does He intend to go that we will not find Him? Will He go where the Jews are dispersed among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does He mean by saying, 'You will look for Me, but you will not find Me,' and, 'Where I am, you cannot come' (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The Feast of the Tabernacles was an eight day feast and Jesus went to the temple courts in the middle of the feast. V.14

- B. The Jews were amazed that an “**uneducated**” man could teach so well. V.15
- C. Jesus gives the Father all the **glory** for the quality of teaching. V.16-18
- D. Jesus points out their **hypocrisy**. V.19
- E. The crowd **criticized** Jesus for His accusations. V.20
- F. Then Jesus points out another **hypocrisy** in them. V. 21-23
- G. Jesus warns them about their method of discerning **truth**. V.24
- H. Someone then **admits** that Jesus was being targeted to be killed. V. 25-26
- I. Jesus defends His origins and He defends the Father’s **decision** to send Him. V.27-29
- J. They tried to seize Him twice but were **unable** to do so. V.30 and 32
- K. Some in the crowd were **drawn** to Him. V.31
- L. Jesus prophesied His **resurrection**. V. 33-34
- M. The Jews continue to judge by their limited knowledge and come up with **false** conclusions. V.35-36

II. Here are some applications of these truths.

- A. We must adopt God’s **worldview** to keep from false actions. There are two kinds of people! Examine your way of judging people.
- B. When we see people as God sees them we change what we **say**, what we **do**, and where we **go**.
- C. When we live outside of God’s plan we find ourselves **fighting** against Him.
- D. All who do this **lose**!