

**CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ  
***"The Call to Believe Amid Opposition"***  
**John 7:20-30 ESV**

<sup>19</sup>Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" [20] The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" [21] Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. [22] Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. [23] If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? [24] Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." [25] Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? [26] And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? [27] But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." [28] So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. [29] I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." [30] So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. [31] Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

NOTES

<b>Instruction</b> (2 Tim 3:16): What is God telling me?
<b>Inspiration</b> (Romans 8:16): How is the Holy Spirit moving me?
<b>Imitator of Christ</b> (Ephesians 5:1): How will I serve God by imitating Jesus?
<b>My prayer this week:</b>

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why does the crowd accuse Jesus of being demon-possessed in John 7:20? What does this reveal about their misunderstanding of Him?
  
2. Read verse 24. How can this principle apply to our judgment of others today?
  
3. In what ways can this passage deepen our understanding of how Jesus interacts with those who oppose Him? What can we learn from His response to the crowd and the authorities?
  
4. The crowd's varied responses to Jesus reveal different attitudes toward truth. How do you respond when confronted with challenging truths about Jesus and His claims?

**Bible Reference ESV**

**1 Samuel 16:7** But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

**Micah 6:8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Matthew 23:23** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.)

**Matthew 21:46** And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**Mark 6:3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

**John 6:42** They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

**Malachi 3:1** [1] "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

**Micah 5:2** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

**John 5:30** "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.;

**John 6:38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

**Matthew 11:27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

**John 14:8-10** [8] Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." [9] Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

**John 6:38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

**John 17:18** As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

**John 12:23** And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.;" **John 17:1 ESV** [1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,

**John 2:23-25** [23] Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. [24] But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people [25] and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

**John 6:26** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

**Isaiah 35:5-6** [5] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; [6] then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;