



Sermon: Pastor Nate Garn

Message - An Invitation To the True Messiah

Sermon Big Picture - As Jesus encounters the crowds, their expectations begins to clash with the reality of who Jesus is and why He came. In the midst of this opposition, Jesus offers life to all who believe.

Scripture: John 7:25-39

Examination

1. The people in Jerusalem have a number of faulty expectations about the messiah, and so they are confused by Jesus. How do our faulty presuppositions also hinder us from understanding Jesus and what He came to do?
2. Many of the faulty expectations of the crowds have come from the traditions of the leaders there in Jerusalem, not from God's word. Why is it always important to examine traditions in the light of the scriptures?
3. While the people pass judgement upon Jesus, Jesus responds that not only has He come from God, but further, that the crowds do not know God. Their familiarity with religion caused them to believe they knew God while they didn't. How does the same happen today?
4. Following Jesus' pronouncement of their unbelief, they turn on Him, but they couldn't arrest Him because it wasn't His time. How does this demonstrate God's control of all things, to accomplish all He has ordained to come to pass?
5. How do V.32-36 demonstrate the inability of unbelievers to hear, understand and receive the words of Christ (ref. "He who has ears, let him hear", see also Matt 13:10-17)
6. Even in the midst of persecution and misunderstanding, we see in V.37 that Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to all who will come to Him. How is the Holy Spirit that living water to all who believe?

Application

1. Have you ever had unbiblical tradition keep you from understanding the word correctly? What was it? How was it overcome?
2. How has the Holy Spirit transformed you from a dry cistern to an overflowing well of living water?

Personal Discipline

Confusion about the bible, and all false teaching, always hurts people in some way. In some cases, it can even keep you from Jesus. Let the scriptures be the final authority over all matters of the faith, and believe on Jesus, trusting that He is everything He told us He is.