

## A GREAT DEAL OF CONTROVERSY ABOUT JESUS CHRIST Pt. 2

(John 7:37-53)

### I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL

### II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

### III. WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

### IV. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS WAS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

#### A. Jesus Christ the Fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles (7:1-53)

##### 1. Disbelief in Christ BEFORE the Feast (7:1-10)

##### 2. Debate Surrounding Christ in the MIDDLE of the Feast (7:11-36)

##### 3. Division over Christ at the END of the Feast (7:37-53)

a. "On the last day" of the week-long celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles the high priest would perform a ritual by leading a procession to collect \_\_\_\_\_ in a golden pitcher and then \_\_\_\_\_ it out at the \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 37a, cf. Isa. 12:2-3)

b. Jesus claimed to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Feast of Tabernacles. (vv. 37b-38, cf. Ps. 78:15-16; Isa. 55:1; 58:11)

c. John added his own inspired explanation, Christ was referring to the \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit which happened after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension on the Day of Pentecost. (v. 39, cf. Acts 2)

\* According to John, what is the sole condition for receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?

d. What followed Jesus' declaration was much debate among the people.

1) Some said that He was the \_\_\_\_\_ spoken of by \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 18:15), and indeed He was! (v. 40)

- 2) Others thought that He was the \_\_\_\_\_ (the Anointed One, the Messiah) who would bring in the earthly \_\_\_\_\_, and He certainly was! (v. 41a)
- 3) His place of birth became an issue for debate- they knew that Messiah was supposed to come out of \_\_\_\_\_ (Micah 5:2), not \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 41b-43)
- e. Verses 44-46 indicate that the Pharisees wanted to arrest Jesus; they were the ones who had sent the temple officers to do so.
- 1) The officers returned \_\_\_\_\_ a prisoner, because they had \_\_\_\_\_ heard anyone speak "*like this man.*" (v. 46, cf. Matt. 7:28-29; 22:33; 46; Mark 1:22, 27; Luke 4:32, 36)
- 2) The Pharisees ridiculed them, "*Are you also deceived?*" These leaders also revealed their \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, accusing them of being ignorant of the Law. (vv. 47-49)
- f. Nicodemus recognized his colleagues' extreme prejudices and questioned them on being "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" without first \_\_\_\_\_ to what Jesus had to say. (vv. 50-52, 12:42)

\* What can you personally apply from this passage?