

JOHN 7

“MUTTERING ABOUT JESUS”

Judge with right judgment

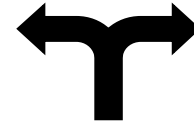
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MUTTERING ^{11-12a, 32}

PEOPLE _____ JESUS BECAUSE . . .

- He testifies that our works are evil,⁷
- He speaks with authority,¹⁶⁻¹⁸
- He exposes our superficial judgment and hypocrisy,²¹⁻²⁴
- He claims to be sent by and from God and to return to God,²⁵⁻³⁶
- He claims to give the Holy Spirit.³⁷⁻³⁹



In deciding about Jesus, chapter 7 provides illustrations of poor decision-making strategies like these:

“MUTTERING ABOUT JESUS”

- Is he just trying to make a _____ for himself?³⁻⁵
- Is he a _____ man?¹²
- Is he a _____ ?^{12, see 47}
- Does he have a “_____” ?¹⁵
- Is he _____ or crazy?²⁰
- But we know where he comes from, doesn’t Messiah just “_____” ?²⁷
- He has done a lot of _____. Are they enough?³¹
- Maybe he’s the Prophet? the Christ? But he’s not in the line of _____, is he?⁴⁰⁻⁴²
- Has anyone ever _____ like him?⁴⁶
- Do the “_____, _____ people” believe in him?⁴⁷⁻⁵²

“Judging by appearances:”

- being directed by our _____ and _____,
- being simplistic, extreme, without any sense of _____,
- confusing _____ and wisdom,
- “_____ -making,”
- using _____ as a measure of what is true,
- demanding “_____” proof that makes faith unnecessary,
- not _____ - _____ carefully,
- confusing “well-_____” and truthful,
- deciding by “_____.”



WHY DECIDING ABOUT JESUS IS SO IMPORTANT³⁷⁻³⁹

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”