

"No One Speaks Like Jesus"  
John 7:40-52

Fragmented Disagreement

The Officers' Report

Verses 47-48

"Then the Pharisees answered, "You haven't been deceived too, have you? None of the rulers or the Pharisees have believed in him, have they?"

Verse 49

"But this rabble who do not know the law are accursed!"

Verse 51

"Our law doesn't condemn a man unless it first hears from him and learns what he is doing, does it?"

Verse 52

They replied, "You aren't from Galilee too, are you? Investigate carefully and you will see that no prophet comes from Galilee!"

The Pharisees Are Deceived, Cursed, and Biased

Jesus Is The Cause

Luke 2:34-35

"Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "Listen carefully: This child is destined to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be rejected. Indeed, as a result of him the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed"

Matthew 10:34

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace but a sword"

And he meant just what we are seeing in this text. Jesus was causing this division. No one ever spoke like this man.

Jesus talks in this radical, shocking, one-sided way pretty often. He expects us to be startled, awakened to serious awareness. And then he expects us to understand by making sure we remember what he said other places

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God”

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people with whom he is pleased!”

Verses 37-38

On the last day of the feast, the greatest day, Jesus stood up and shouted out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, ‘From within him will flow rivers of living water.’”

Jesus’s Stunning Claims

1. He claims to be God.

John 13:19

“I am telling you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I am he”

2. He claims to exist before he was born.

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the solemn truth, before Abraham came into existence, I am!”

3. He claimed his death would be the key to the eternal life of his sheep.

John 10:10-11

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”

4. He claims to be the only way to God.

John 14:6

Jesus replied, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”

John 8:12

“Then Jesus spoke out again, “I am the light of the world. The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”

John 12:46

“I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness”

5. He claims to be the bread and water that give eternal life.

John 6:35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty"

John 4:14

"But whoever drinks some of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again, but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life."

John 10:27-28

"My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand"

6. He claims that we can do nothing without him.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me – and I in him – bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing"

7. He claims to be the one who raises people from the dead.

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies"

John 6:40

"For this is the will of my Father – for everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

What does this have to do with me?

1. The way Jesus spoke makes it irrational to speak nice things about Him while rejecting His deity. He was not nice, if He wasn't God.

2. We must be more than convinced He is God

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3. If you and I are going to have eternal life, we must come to Jesus and surrender to Him as our highest governing and satisfying King.