



The GOSPEL of JOHN

EVERYBODY'S GOT AN OPINION ABOUT JESUS

Main Scripture: John 7

NOTES:

(Extra Scripture: Mt 2:13-18, 23:37; Mk 3:20-21, 31-35)

Who is Jesus?

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

C.S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity*)

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Small Group Sermon Study | John 7



Prayer: *Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, we invite You here to teach and transform us, and lead our time together as we read, discuss, and reflect on Your Word. Amen.*

Icebreaker:

Describe a time when you were asked, "Who is Jesus?" How did you respond? What impacted you about that experience? How did it change you?

Read John 7. From this passage and from listening to the sermon, discuss the following:

- Take a minute to share anything that impacted you from this passage. Was there anything with which you wrestled? What stood out to you?
- What does this passage tell us about those who follow Jesus (individually and/or the church) and/or those who don't? (How are people responding to Him? What are their different responses?)
- What does this passage tell us about other key characters, Satan, and/or the spiritual realm? What do we learn about their purpose, nature or methods?
- What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Personal Reflection:

- What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
- What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Closing Prayer: *Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc. Amen.*