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10 But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He
Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret.

11 So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were
saying, “Where is He?”

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12 There was much grumbling among the crowds
concerning Him; some were saying, “He is a good man”;
others were saying, “No, on the contrary, He leads the
people astray.”

13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the
Jews.

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14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up
into the temple, and *began to* teach.

15 The Jews then were astonished, saying, “How has this
man become learned, having never been educated?”

16 So Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not
Mine, but His who sent Me.

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17 “If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the
teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from
Myself.

18 “He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He
who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is
true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

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D.A. Carson- The assumption in this verse is that the Father has signaled Jesus in some way, so Jesus goes to Jerusalem, leaving Galilee for the last time before the cross.

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1 “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and
gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which
he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods
(whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’

Deuteronomy 13:1–5

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3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that
dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you
to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul.

4 “You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you
shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve
Him, and cling to Him.

Deuteronomy 13:1–5

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5 “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to
death, because he has counseled rebellion against the
Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce
you from the way in which the Lord your God
commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil
from among you.

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46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to
them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding
and His answers.

Luke 2:46–47

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28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching;

29 for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 7:28–29

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D.A. Carson- One of the consequences of studying for years in the rabbinical centers was the tendency to substantiate every pronouncement by appealing to precedent, to earlier rabbinic judgments. Not to do so might indicate a certain arrogance, an independence of spirit in danger of drifting from the weight of tradition.

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44 And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me,
does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.

45 “He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.

46 “I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone
who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

John 12:44–50

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47 “If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do
not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but
to save the world.

48 “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has
one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge
him at the last day.

John 12:44–50

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49 “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father
Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as*
to what to say and what to speak.

50 “I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore
the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

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Wills- to have something in mind for oneself, of purpose, resolve, *will, wish, want, be ready*

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28 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we
may work the works of God?”

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of
God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

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40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who
beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life,
and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:40

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Colin Kruse- In the Gospel of John, God's will is that people believe in his Son (6:28–29, 40; cf. 1 John 3:23). This means that only those who believe in Jesus will recognize the truth of his teaching. Believe, that you may know!

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7 “The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I
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Q: What does your response to Jesus and His word reveal about your heart?

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the
Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered
against them.

20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this
is well-pleasing to the Lord.

Colossians 3:18–21

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21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with
humility of mind regard one another as more important
than yourselves;

Philippians 2:3

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14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Romans 12:14

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16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Romans 12:16

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31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and
slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each
other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31–32

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