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⁴⁰When some from the crowd heard these words, they said, "This truly is the Prophet."



⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some said, "Surely the Messiah doesn't come from Galilee, does He?



⁴²Doesn't the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from David's offspring and from the town of Bethlehem, where David lived?"



⁴³So the crowd was divided because of Him.



⁴⁴Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

⁴⁵Then the servants came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring Him?"



⁴⁶The servants answered, "No man ever spoke like this!"



⁴⁷Then the Pharisees responded to them, "Are you fooled too?



⁴⁸Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him?



⁴⁹But this crowd, which doesn't know the law, is accursed."

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⁵⁰Nicodemus — the one who came to Him previously and who was one of them — said to them,



⁵¹"Our law doesn't judge a man before it hears from him and knows what he's doing, does it?"

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⁵²"You aren't from Galilee too, are you?" they replied. "Investigate and you will see that no prophet arises from Galilee." [The earliest mss do not include 7:53–8:11.]

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house. ¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

John 7:40-53, 8:1

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1. Dig Deep Before You Speak



2. Focus on Powerful Truth While Rejecting Personal Attacks



3. Draw Near Without Fear

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