

Big idea: It's as true today as it was 2,000 years ago. You can ignore Jesus to your own peril, but you cannot silence him. He is the Christ, the Son of God.

I. Keeping chapter 7 in perspective...

A. Jesus LINKS chapter 7 back to the events in chapter 5

B. The HYPOCRISY of the religious leaders is exposed

C. Jesus is unrelenting in his CLAIMS to be God

II. From Sabbath breaker to Savior – who is Jesus?

A. From the perspective of the JERUSALEMITES vs. 25-30

1. Their REASONING vs. 25-26

- What they KNOW
- What they THINK they know

2. Their ERROR vs. 27

3. Jesus' RESPONSE vs. 28-29

4. Their feeble ATTEMPT v. 30

- Human SCHEMES

- **God's SOVEREIGNTY**

B. From the perspective of the OUT-OF-TOWNERS v. 31

1. HOW they responded

2. WHY they responded

C. From the perspective of the RELIGIOUS leaders vs. 32-36

1. Their INTENTIONS v. 32

2. Jesus' RESPONSE vs. 33-34

3. Their CONFUSION vs. 35-36

III. What we take away...

Heaven is for those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior from the penalty of sin, and no one else.