



Final Months of Jesus' Public Ministry

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BIG IDEA: As Jesus continues to reveal who He is through His **WORDS** and **ACTIONS**. He is forcing everyone to decide whether to believe in Him or reject Him.

Jesus publicly reveals His **IDENTITY** (John 7-8)

- Jesus travels from Galilee to Jerusalem for the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles/Sukkot.
- He begins openly declaring **WHO** He is...
 - "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink." John 7:37-38
 - "I am (egō eimi) the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
 - Jesus' declaration as "**The Light of the World**" was a claim to be the true **FULFILLMENT** of the very feast being celebrated.
Leviticus 23:33-43; Exodus 13:21-22; Isaiah 9:2, 49:6
 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am (egō eimi)." John 8:58
- The response—**DIVISION** *John 7:40-44*

Jesus demonstrates His **AUTHORITY** through signs (John 9-11)

- Jesus doesn't just claim authority, He **DEMONSTRATES** it
- Two major miracles/signs
 - Healing the man born **BLIND** *John 9:1-41*
 - Exposes two types of people
 - Those who see and **BELIEVE** *John 9:35-38*
 - Those who see but **REFUSE** to believe *John 9:39-41*
 - **RAISING** Lazarus from the dead *John 11:38-44*
 - Produces two opposite reactions
 - Some **BELIEVE** *John 11:45*
 - Others **REFUSE** Jesus must die *John 11:53*

The world is dividing over Jesus (John 7-12)

- The **CURIOUS** crowd – interested, but undecided
- The **CONVINCED** followers – blind man, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and many others
- The **COMBATIVE** leaders – move from **SKEPTICISM** to hatred, to plotting **MURDER**

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Jesus moves toward the **CROSS** (John 12)

- Mary anoints Jesus John 12:1-8
- The **TRIUMPHAL** entry John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25-26
- **GREEKS** seeking Jesus John 12:20-26
- A voice from heaven John 12:27-36, Matthew 3:17, 17:5
- Jesus' Mission: **SAVE** the world John 12:44-50, 3:17

WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. Jesus is NOT just a **TEACHER**—He is **GOD** in the flesh
 - **Ask:** Is Jesus simply someone I *admire*, or the *Lord I actually obey*?
2. Evidence **ALONE** does not produce faith
 - **Ask:** Have I been asking questions to *find* Jesus—or to *avoid* Him?
3. **SPIRITUAL** blindness is MORE dangerous than **PHYSICAL** blindness
 - **Ask:** Where might I be *spiritually blind* right now—and unwilling to admit it?
4. I must choose how I will **RESPOND** to Jesus
 - **Ask:** If Jesus is really God who came in the flesh to rescue me from my sin and empower me to live a totally new life...*what is stopping me from fully surrendering to Him today?*

Memory Verse:

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
John 12:46 ESV

Recommended Resources:

["I AM" Message Series](#)

[Light of the World message \(10/12/2025\)](#)

[The Door & Good Shepherd message \(10/19/2025\)](#)

[The Resurrection & Life message \(10/26/2025\)](#)

[Hope Bible Reading Plan](#)

My next step today is to...

- Memorize John 12:46
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Reflect on one of the four questions above
- Read John Chapters 7-12 this week
- Attend the next START HERE
- Pray for and invite _____ to Easter
- _____



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