

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON NOTES  
OPINIONS

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JOHN 7:37-39 (NLT)

<sup>37</sup>On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! <sup>38</sup>Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" <sup>39</sup>(When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

ISAIAH 55:1a, 3a (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money!...<sup>3</sup>Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life."

Opinions as to who Jesus was...

1. Some people thought that Jesus was a good man!

JOHN 7:11-12a (NLT)

<sup>11</sup>The Jewish leaders tried to find him at the festival and kept asking if anyone had seen him. <sup>12</sup>There was a lot of grumbling about him among the crowds. Some argued, "He's a good man,"

2. Some people thought that Jesus was a deceiver!

JOHN 7:11-12 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup>The Jewish leaders tried to find him at the festival and kept asking if anyone had seen him. <sup>12</sup>There was a lot of grumbling about him among the crowds. Some argued, "He's a good man," but others said, "He's nothing but a fraud who deceives the people."

3. Some people thought that Jesus was demon possessed!

JOHN 7:20a (NLT)

The crowd replied, "You're demon possessed!"

4. Some people thought that Jesus was an ordinary man!

JOHN 7:25-27 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup>Some of the people who lived in Jerusalem started to ask each other, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?" <sup>26</sup>But here he is, speaking in public, and they say nothing to him. Could our leaders possibly believe that he is the Messiah? <sup>27</sup>But how could he be? For we know where this man

comes from. When the Messiah comes, he will simply appear; no one will know where he comes from."

5. Some people thought that Jesus was a prophet!

JOHN 7:40 (NLT)

When the crowds heard him say this, some of them declared, "Surely this man is the Prophet we've been expecting."

6. Some people thought that Jesus was the Messiah!

JOHN 7:40-41a (NLT)

<sup>40</sup>When the crowds heard him say this, some of them declared, "Surely this man is the Prophet we've been expecting." <sup>41</sup>Others said, "He is the Messiah."

MATTHEW 16:13-15 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." <sup>15</sup>Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

For the true believer, God's will should be their primary concern!

JOHN 7:6 (NLT)

JOHN 7:10 (NLT)

JOHN 8:28b-29 (NIV)

JOHN 12:49-50 (NIV)

EPHESIANS 5:17 (NLT)

The Word of God is the will of God!

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-5 (NIV)

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NIV)

COLOSSIANS 3:8-9 (NIV)

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 (NIV)

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