

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 7: Conflict Begins

The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers (1-9)

1. 1-5 Why do you think Jesus' brothers didn't initially believe in Him? (5) _____
Why do you think John includes their initial disbelief in his Gospel? _____

2. 6-9 What does v 6 mean? _____
How are we judged by our attitude toward Jesus? (7) _____
3. **Think:** How do these verses show that Jesus' life is a carefully planned mission?

4. **Personal:** In what way is *your* time "opportune?" _____

Various Reactions to Jesus (10-13)

1. 10 How would you harmonize this verse with v 8? _____
2. 11-13 What three attitudes toward Jesus can be seen in these verses? _____

3. **Think:** What is it about Jesus that makes it impossible for people to regard Him with indifference? _____
4. **Personal:** What is *your* attitude to Jesus at this point in our series? _____

Jesus Teaches Publicly (14-36)

1. 14-18 How does Jesus verify His teachings on this occasion? (17) _____
2. 19-25 To what incident is Jesus referring in v 21? _____
Why, exactly, are the Jews angry at Jesus? _____
How would you summarize Jesus' meaning in v 23? _____
What does it mean to "judge with righteous judgement?" (24) _____
3. 26-36 What do you think v 27 means? _____
What is Jesus' "hour that is to come?" (30) _____
What is Jesus anticipating in v 34-36? _____

5. **Think** : What evidence in this section indicates that attitudes are hardening, both for and against Jesus? _____

6. **Personal**: Are you willing to do God's will so that His teachings will be verified in your life?

A Climactic Appeal (37-52)

1. 37-39 How can a person come to Jesus and drink? (37) _____
 What are "rivers of living water?" (38) _____
 How can the Spirit produce rivers of living water? (38-39) _____
 The Spirit could not be given until Jesus was glorified. Why? (39) _____

2. 40-44 How does ignorance affect attitudes towards Jesus? (40-41) _____
 Why doesn't anyone "lay hands on Him?" (44) _____
3. 45-49 What tension did the officers from the Pharisees feel?(45-46) _____

 How would you summarize the argument of the Pharisees in v 48-49? _____

 What are the unspoken premises of the Pharisees? (48-49) _____

 How would you describe the attitude of the Pharisees? _____
4. 50-52 What does Nicodemus' question say about the attitude of the Pharisees? (51) _____

 How hard would it have been for Nicodemus to go against the crowd? _____
5. **Think**: Identify at least four conclusions about Christ in Chapter 7. _____

 How would you argue for or against each conclusion? _____

6. **Personal**: Which conclusion about Jesus is most convincing to you? _____