

John pt16 - (7:30-53)

Division because of Christ

1. John 7:25-29 – Dispute over Jesus’ identity
 - a. They identify Jesus as the ‘marked man’ – 7:25
 - i. They just denied it in verse 7:20
 - ii. His bold speech proved him – Mat 7:28-29; John 5:20
 - b. Do the rulers know? - 7:26 – No, they have stumbled Psalm 118:22
 - i. Verse 25 is read at the feast of tabernacles even today
 - c. The origin of Christ – fundamental issue: the virgin birth – Luke 2:33
 - i. 7:28-29 – the clear answer of Jesus (John 10:24)
 - d. The “hour” – John 7:30; 7:44-46
2. John 7:30-32 – Who is he?
 - a. Came not to bring peace but a sword – Luke 12:50
 - b. “sent officers to take him” – this is crowd response to 7:25-26
 - c. “his hour had not come” – John 7:30; 7:44-46; 12:27; Luke 22:52-53
3. John 7:33-36 – Jesus foretells his departing
 - a. The cross is in his fore view – Luke 12:50-52; Mat 16:20-21
 - i. Jesus and the message of the cross – Mark 9:30-33; Luke 18:31-33
 - ii. All the prophets have spoken – Luk 24:25-27;44-47(cf.Rom 16:25)
 - b. The benefit of his ‘leaving’ - John 16:5-7; 14:26; 15:26-27
4. John 7:37-39 – Living waters
 - a. Thirst and drink – John 6:35, 63,68 = believe on him and his words
 - b. “as the scripture” – John 4:14; Isa 44:3-4, 59:20-21; Pro 1:23; Joel 2:28
 - i. The fulfillment – Acts 2:16-17, 2:33–yet future–Acts 2:20; Mal 4:5
 - ii. Anointing? – Prov 18:4, 1 John 2:20,27
5. John 7:40-44 – The great division over Christ
 - a. The Prophet – Deut 18:18
 - b. Out of Galilee? Or Bethlehem – Mic 5:2 – reasonable but ignorant
 - c. Division because of him – Luke 12:50-52; among the religious - John 16:2
 - i. Division again – John 10:19-21 – not for divisions sake – 18:37
6. John 7:45-53 – The officers affected by Christ
 - a. “never a man spake like this” – 7:46 (7:26); Mat 7:29
 - b. “this people who know not the law” – hypocrite – Isa 28:14; Jam 2:10
 - i. Moses spoke of Christ – John 5:46-47; 7:19,23