

John #41

7:14-24

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“Jesus Went Up Into the Temple”

Intro: Before us this Lord’s Day is a wonderful paragraph of Scripture as found in John 7:14-24, which recounts _____ to the _____ in Jerusalem during the time of the Feast of the Booths, where the religious establishment (which was seeking to kill Him), tried to discredit Him. While we only have a few sentences of the Lord’s response to the authorities, therein is found a mountain of _____, good _____ and practical advise.

I. Having arrived in Jerusalem unnoticed, midway through the Feast of Booths _____ went up into the temple, and began to _____.

A. The Lord’s _____ was so wonderful that along with the general population, even the Jewish authorities _____.

B. The authorities tried to _____ upon the Lord’s teaching by continually saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?"

C. Refuting what the religious authorities insinuated (that the Lord’s words were of His own opinion), Jesus asserted that His _____ came directly _____ the Father.

1. _____ gave His Father the glory for His marvelous teaching! How careful and zealous was the Lord Jesus _____ His _____ glory.

D. Jesus told the _____ how they could come to _____ if His teaching was of _____.

1. MacArthur writes, “The Lord’s challenge to the crowd was simple: If they would _____ themselves before God’s Word (wherein His will is revealed) to know and _____ it, they would come to a sure realization that His teaching was _____.”

E. Jesus told the people how they could tell _____ teachers _____ teachers.

1. _____ teachers teach for their _____ glory, but _____ teachers teach for _____ glory.

II. The Lord _____ turned the tables on those who would unjustly persecute Him to mercifully _____ them their _____.

A. _____ charged Him saying that He was uneducated, but here now He charges them as the ones who _____ to be students of the Word by revealing that there was murder in their heart.

B. Jesus reminded the _____ about the miracle He worked by healing the lame man (chp. 5), and how it was over that incident that they grew to _____ Him, desiring to kill _____.

1. To show the authorities the unreasonableness and hypocrisy of their _____ for Him - that it was _____, Jesus spoke of their practice of circumcision according to Moses (cf. Lev. 12:3).
2. Since circumcision had to do with ceremonial cleansing or cleanliness, and they saw such as not only permissible on the Sabbath but as fulfilling the Law, how then could they say it breaks the Sabbath for _____ to _____ a man of a disease thus making Him ceremonially clean, whereby He can go to the temple as the man of chapter 5 did (vs. 14)?
3. They did not care about the truth of God in regards to the Sabbath and that a man was made clean on the Sabbath, but _____ cared about the traditions of men in regards to the Sabbath! By this, the people could know that they were _____ teachers who sought their _____.

C. If the authorities would judge according to the spirit of the Law instead of their legalistic letter of the traditions, they would find _____ not only to be innocent, but moreover, to be _____!

Closing: We can _____ between false and true teachers by applying our Lord's teaching. False teachers teach for their own glory while _____ teachers teach for God's glory. False teachers teach their own brand of the gospel (which is no gospel) while true teachers teach the unchanging doctrines of the _____. And by this we know that Christ's teachings were of God for He always pointed to the glory of the Father, and that, at the great sacrifice of Himself.

And, let us also determine then to do the will of _____ just as Christ did; thereby receiving the truth of God and in practice, finding that His truth is _____.

Lastly, let us respond this day by laying down our love for religion and religious practices, and _____ and pursue His righteousness! If all shall flow from our love for Christ, then our religion will be true, and our practices God-_____.

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