“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 the Lord’s response to the religious 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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