"This is the Christ"

Intro: This account was written that we might ________________ that Jesus is the Christ. So then, it is only proper as we read of Jesus ministering in the temple court on the last day of the Feast, and of the various responses to Him, that we reflect upon __________ __________ to Jesus. Do you believe that He truly is the Christ?

A. We should ask ourselves the question Pilate, when trying Jesus, asked of the people, “________ __ ______ with Jesus who is called Christ?” (Matt. 27:22)

I. On the last day of the feast and with ________________ for the souls of mankind, Jesus stood and cried out preaching ________________.

A. “__________ stood and _______ out, saying, 'If any man is thirsty, let him _______ to Me and drink.’”

1. Jesus is the well-spring and fountain head of salvation. Are you spiritually thirsty___ Come to Jesus and drink Him in (____________ in Him)!

B. Jesus promised that the one who ________________ in Him will be saved for from their innermost being shall flow rivers of ______________ water.

1. Those who ________________ in Jesus, will have their spiritual thirst eternally satisfied from deep within as the Holy __________ of God _________ them!

II. The ________________ ________________ to Jesus in a variety of ways.

A. ______ were saying, “This certainly is the ________________” (as spoken of by Moses [Deut. 18:15-19]).

1. These did ______ ___________ Jesus to be the Christ.

B. Some were saying that ________________ the Christ! Amen, we praise God for flesh and blood did not reveal this to them, but the Father who is in heaven! (Cf. Matt. 16:17)

C. Others were ___________ that Jesus could ______ be the Christ since He had come from Galilee.

1. These were right in what the Scripture said, but sadly they were ____________ in their conclusion for their information was incomplete.

2. “And some of them wanted to seize Him, but ____ ______ laid hands on Him.”

D. The officers who were sent by the Pharisees to seize ________________, did not seize Him for they said, “Never did a man speak the way this man ______________.”

E. The __________________ did not believe and equated belief in Jesus to being led ____________.
1. The Pharisees belittled the officers by pointing out that of the learned rulers or Pharisees had come to ____________ in Jesus.

2. The Pharisees belittled the ________________ saying that they did not know the Law and therefore, were ________________.

F. Here, eighteen months after his conversation with Jesus, takes a stand by upholding the Law, which indirectly is in ________________ of Jesus.

1. The Pharisees responded to Nicodemus’ mention of the Law by ____________ him to ________ him ____, asking if he took up for Jesus because he too was from Galilee.

2. Implying that Nicodemus was ignorant of the Law, and therefore had no right to bring up the procedure of the Law, the ________________ told him to search the Scripture and he would see that no prophet arises out of Galilee. Of course, in so doing they showed their because Jonah arose out of Galilee. Further, Jesus was born of Bethlehem.

3. Truly, these religious hypocrites had their minds set for they knew what they ____________ ___ with this Jesus. As they determined in their hearts, they would nail ____________ “to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him ___ _________” (Acts 2:23).

The Question: And now, on this day, the question comes to us, “__ _____ with this Jesus?”

The Invitation: “Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If any man is thirsty, let him ____________ to Me and ____________.”

The Promise: If you are thirsty, then come to Jesus and drink Him in, in ________, for He is the well-spring of salvation, and He will satisfy the longing of your soul! In agreement with the Scripture, we truthfully declare that all those who believe in Jesus will have their spiritual thirst eternally ________________ from deep within as the ________________ of God comes to reside in them!

Your Response: Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls” (Matt 11:28-29).

_______ today, at this very hour, join with those who ____________ saying, “This is the ____________”?

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