

John 7

The Secret of
Knowing Truth

The people were
divided because of
Jesus

Vs 1 Jewish leaders were looking for a way to kill him

Vs 2 his own brothers did not believe in him

Vs 7 the world hated him - because he told them their deeds were evil

Vs 11 the leaders were watching for him

Vs 12 some of the people said, “he is a good man”

Vs 12 others said, “no he deceives the people”

Vs 13 people were afraid to say anything about him, they feared the leaders

Vs 15 they were amazed at his teaching since he had not gone to THEIR schools

Vs 20 they said he was demon possessed

Vs 30 they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him - his time had not yet come

Vs 31 many in the crowd believed in him

Vs 32 Chief priests and Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him

John 7:40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, "**Surely this man is the Prophet.**" 41 Others said, "**He is the Messiah.**" Still others asked, "**How can the Messiah come from Galilee?**" 42 Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?

Jesus said, “I have not
come to bring peace,
but a sword”

Whoever acknowledges me...

Acknowledges -- to assent,
that is, covenant, acknowledge

Whoever denies me

Denies -- to contradict, that is,
disavow, reject, abnegate

What hinders man from
acknowledging what Jesus
teaches is from God?

Jealousy? - (Jewish leaders looking to kill him)

Familiarity? - (his brothers did not believe him)

He told the truth - perhaps they were offended? - He shared the truth about their evil deeds

Intimidation from others? - people feared what the leaders/others would say

A sense of superiority of knowledge? -
He did not go to their schools - therefore he had nothing of worth to say

Groupthink? - When Nicodemus stood out of the mix and spoke up about Jesus, they dismissed him and said, “You will notice none of the Pharisees believe in him”

Hypocrisy and unrighteous judgement?
(they condemned Jesus for healing a
man on the sabbath, but the same
people would circumcise a child on the
Sabbath)

Not getting all the info or facts? - they knew Messiah would come from Bethlehem, but assumed Jesus was from Galilee...no one seemed to think to ask him where he was born

Arguing scripture? - Vs 41-4 "How can the Messiah come from Galilee? 42 Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?"

The secret to knowing
whether or not His teachings
are from God

17 Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

ANYONE - this is a universal
truth - open to any and all
people

CHOOSES - knowing truth is
moved from an intellectual
function to a moral issue of the
heart - It is about a **CHOICE**

**WILL FIND OUT - be aware
(of), feel, have knowledge,
perceive, be resolved, be sure,
understand**

We pray so that our will can be
aligned with His

Mat 6:10 ESV Your kingdom
come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.

We can experience it (the word
and the will interact)

Psa 40:8 ESV I delight to do
your will, O my God; your law is
within my heart."

Jesus was committed to the will of
God, even to the point of death

Luk 22:42 ESV saying, "Father, if
you are willing, remove this cup
from me. Nevertheless, not my will,
but yours, be done."