

## Murmur, Murder, or Marvel Debating Deity

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1. How did the people react once they discovered the Secret Scholar was Jesus (v. 25-27)?
2. Why did some people believe in Jesus (v. 28-31)? Why was this reason for their belief sufficient for some, but not for all? What are some examples of that today?
3. Where was Jesus going to go (v. 32-36)? Why did this cause such confusion?
4. Why was this feast significant? What is the importance of the water?
5. Discuss how a relationship with Jesus offers “rivers of living water” (v. 38).
6. Read verses 41-52. List and discuss the various responses to Jesus.
7. What argument did the Pharisees use to rebut Nicodemus’ statement? What does this show about their line of thinking? How do we avoid prejudice?
8. What is the significance of, “And everyone went to his *own* house”?

<sup>25</sup>Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill?” <sup>26</sup>But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? <sup>27</sup>However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.”

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, “You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup>But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

<sup>30</sup>Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

<sup>31</sup>And many of the people believed in Him, and said, “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?”

<sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

<sup>33</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. <sup>34</sup>You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come.”

<sup>35</sup>Then the Jews said among themselves, “Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>What is this thing that He said, ‘You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come?’”

<sup>37</sup>On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” <sup>39</sup>But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

<sup>40</sup>Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” <sup>41</sup>Others said, “This is the Christ.”

But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? <sup>42</sup>Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?”

<sup>43</sup>So there was a division among the people because of Him. <sup>44</sup>Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

<sup>45</sup>Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?”

<sup>46</sup>The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”

<sup>47</sup>Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived?”

<sup>48</sup>Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? <sup>49</sup>But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”

<sup>50</sup>Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, <sup>51</sup>“Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?”

<sup>52</sup>They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

# Read: John 8:1-26

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**Monday**

1-6 — Why do you think Jesus went to the Mount of Olives? What questions come to your mind concerning the actions of the Scribes and Pharisees? What do you think Jesus was writing with His finger? What did it seem was the attitude of the Pharisees concerning the woman?

**Tuesday**

7-11 — Why do you think the men left after Jesus made His statement? What role do you see the conscience making in your life? Why did Jesus not condemn the woman? How do you think the woman felt after this? How should we feel in that Jesus has forgiven *our* sins?

**Wednesday**

12-14 — In what ways have you experienced Jesus as “the light”? Can you think of some areas of Scripture where Jesus is described as such?

**Thursday**

15-19 — Why do you think that the Pharisees were so judgmental? What can we learn about Jesus and the Father from this passage? What is the only way to know the Father? Can you think of any other verses that talk about this?

**Friday**

20-22 — The phrase, “hour had not come yet” is used in other places as well. What do you think this phrase means? Are there some things that you personally do not feel ready for? Why do you suppose Jesus talked to the Jews in such unclear ways? Where did Jesus end up going? Are you confident that you will be able to go to be with Him?

**Saturday**

23-26 — What do verses 23 and 24 talk about? How do they apply to you? Can Jesus be any clearer when he claims to be the link to heaven? Why do you think people still question if He ever claimed to be the Savior? What are some excuses you have heard from those who choose not to believe?

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