

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "The Controversial Christ" (Part 2)

Text: John 7:10-52

INTRODUCTION:

1. The biblical Jesus is a "man of _____".
Why should this surprise us? Check out Matthew 10:34-36 and 37-39.
2. Controversy / Conflict is a major theme of John's Gospel:
The Period of **Controversy** (chs. 5-6); & The Period of **Conflict** (chs. 7-11).
3. The setting of John 7 is at the Feast of Tabernacles (also called the Feast of Ingathering).
 - It was a week-long festival in the Fall.
 - It commemorated the journey from Egypt to Canaan ... "Tabernacles".
 - It celebrated the productivity of Canaan ... "Ingathering".
 - The Period of Conflict (chs. 7-11) covered the last 6 months before the crucifixion. The feast may have been a jubilant time for the people, but it was a difficult time for Jesus, for it marked the beginning of open & militant opposition to Him and His ministry (see opening sentence of 7:1).
4. Chapter 7 has three time divisions: 1) before the Feast (vss. 1-13); 2) in the middle of (vss. 14-36); & 3) on the last day of (vss. 37-52).
5. Three responses from the crowd, the Jews, and the Lord.

THE CROWD WAS _____.

The "crowd" included both pilgrims (those traveling) & residents of Jerusalem.

1. He was a _____ (12).
2. He was a _____ / _____ (13).
3. He was _____ (20).
This accusation is made elsewhere in the Gospel of John (8:48-52; 10:20-21)
4. He was an _____ man (25-27, 41-42).
5. He was the _____ (40; see Deut. 18:15).

6. Some concluded He was the _____ & believed (41, 31).

As in Jesus' day, so in ours. There are many opinions concerning Jesus. Unbelief is not basically lack of information but a will in rebellion against God. What you do with the person and work of Christ, will have either eternally devastating or eternally blissful consequences for you!

THE JEWS WERE _____ (vss. 32-52)

Their intention was to arrest Jesus (30, 32, 44) and put Him to death (1, 19, 25). That was their intent since the events recorded in John 5, one-and-a-half years earlier. But the religious authorities were frustrated by three factors.

1. By God's _____ - _____ (6, 30).
2. By the _____ (32, 45-49).
3. By _____ (50-52).

THE LORD'S AWESOME _____ (vss. 37-39)

Despite all the debate, division, confusion, controversy, conflict, and disbelief.

1. The _____
"On the last and the greatest day of the Feast" (vs. 37a).
2. The _____
"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me & drink" (vs. 37b; see Rev. 22:17).
3. The _____
"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him" (vs. 38).
4. The _____
"By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified" (vs. 39).
5. The _____ remains to this day!
"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You." - Augustine (A.D. 354-430), Bishop of Hippo for 35 yrs.

Satisfied – Hymn #531

"He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:9