

# Confusion and Clarity Concerning Jesus

John 7

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- The Sanhedrin was confused

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## John 7:16–18 (NKJV)

Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. **17** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. **18** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

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- To know the truth you must judge with righteous judgment

## John 7:21–24 (NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. **22** Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. **23** If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? **24** Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”



# Clarity concerning Jesus

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- He came from God and was going to God

## John 7:28–34 (NKJV)

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. **29** But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”  
... **33** Then Jesus said to them, “I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. **34** You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come.”

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- He came from God and was going to God
- He provides living water to those who come to him and drink

## John 7:37–39 (NKJV)

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. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** 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.

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# Confusion concerning Jesus today

- He probably never existed
- He never claimed to be anything special
- He was a 1<sup>st</sup> century social justice warrior
- If we only believe in Him we will be saved
- He is too loving to send anyone to hell
- Christians built up a mythology around him to suit their purposes
- He's just a good moral teacher

# One Common Element in the Confusion

Those who do not will to do God's will try to make Jesus what they want him to be, rather than accept what he truly is.

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## Clarity in the confusion

“When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?”

“No man ever spoke like this Man!”

# How to have Clarity Concerning Jesus

- Will to do God's will
- Judge with righteous judgment
- Expect that a man who is like no other man will speak and act like no other man
- Come to Him and drink by hearing Him, believing Him and obeying Him

# How to have Clarity Concerning Jesus

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- Judge with righteous judgment
- Expect that a man who is like no other man will speak and act like no other man
- Come to Him and drink by hearing Him, believing Him and obeying Him
- Enjoy rivers of living water flowing from your heart