



John 7:40-53

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DIVIDED OPINIONS ABOUT JESUS

Introduction:

I. THE PEOPLE'S LIVELY DEBATE (7:40-44)

A. He is the Prophet (vs. 40)

"Some of the people..." (see 7:31)

"This certainly is the Prophet." (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18)

B. He is the Messiah (vs. 41-42)

"Others were saying, 'This is the Christ.' "

"Still others were saying, 'Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?' "

"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

C. The Outcome (vs. 43-44)

"So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him."

"Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him."

II. THE PRIESTS' AND PHARISEES' LEGAL DEBATE (7:45-52)

A. We need to stop Him. (vs. 45)

"the officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees"

"and they said to them, 'Why did you not bring Him?' "

B. But He's unstoppable. (vs. 46)

"the officers answered, 'Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.' "

C. We need to stop this foolishness anyway. (vs. 47-49)

“the Pharisees then answered them, ‘You have not also been led astray, have you?’ ”

“No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?” (see 3:1-2; 12:42; Acts 6:7)

“But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.”

D. We need to hear Him out. (vs. 50-51)

“Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them...”

“Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?”

E. You need to shut up! (vs. 52)

“They answered him, ‘You are not also from Galilee, are you?’ ”

“Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”

Conclusion:

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