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Series: Here Come the Doubters #3

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John 7:25-44

Doubting Because It is Different

In this Series . . .

1. We will be reminded that many people believe in the _____ of Jesus Christ, yet they _____ His teaching.
2. We will see that there are _____ reasons why people _____ and hopefully understand our _____ doubts better.

The Following

John 7:25 At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? 26 Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." 28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, 29 but I know him because I am from him and he sent me." 30 At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. 31 Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?"

The _____ : *Isn't this the man?*

It was "the people from _____" who _____ this.

They assumed that the leaders have _____ Jesus as Christ.

But, they couldn't _____ how this was so, since they knew (or thought they knew) where Jesus was _____!

Mal. 3:1 "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

The _____:

Jesus _____! (This didn't happen _____!)

Jesus said that they _____ Him but that they didn't know _____.

Jesus declared that He was _____ by _____.

The RESULT:

Some tried to _____ Jesus but it was not _____ yet.

Many put their _____ in Him because the _____ of the miracles was overwhelming.

The Fear

John 7: 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him. 33 Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. 34 You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come." 35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36 What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

The Jewish leaders were _____ because of the following that Jesus had gathered and they _____ guards to _____ Him.

Jesus _____ His death and told the people that they only had a _____ to come to Him.

The Jews _____ Jesus' words.

The Flow

John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 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. 40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? 42 Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" 43 Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. 44 Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

The _____ Day of the Feast of Tabernacles:(*Tradition and Practice*)

Num. 20:11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

The water was _____ and _____. (Hope of blessing!)

The _____ of Jesus -- "*streams of water.*"

1Cor. 10:3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

The _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit:

Some in the crowd that day _____. Others rejected the claims of Jesus because it was _____ than what they had understood.

The Lessons:

1. Sometimes we _____ to understand or believe because of preconceived ideas that may be _____.

2. As a believer, would the words "*streams of living water flows from within him/her*" describe _____ life and _____?