

Doubting Because of Our Identity

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 Scriptures

John 7:40 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. 45 Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" 46 "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared. 47 "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. 48 "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law — there is a curse on them." 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, 51 "Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?" 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee." 53 Then each went to his own home.

The Context

"On hearing His words . . ."

The _____ of the Feast (holiday) of Tabernacles (Booths).

The Tradition - The _____ and the _____.

Is. 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

The Words of Jesus

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.

The Responses

1. Some chose to _____!

John 7:40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "He is the Christ." . . .

The _____ and the _____

Deut. 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.

These people had _____ the evidence.

John 7:31 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?"



2. Some chose to _____.

John 7:41 . . . 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?"

These people wanted _____ evidence.

There is nothing wrong with _____ and _____, but commit yourself to the following:

-- Follow through and do the _____

-- Make a _____

Note: The Reviewers hadn't _____ the Receivers!

John 7:43 Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

3. Some chose to _____.

John 7:45 Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" 46 "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared.

"Finally" -- they _____

"Went back . . ." -- they made a _____ and _____ by it

"No one . . ." -- they were _____ with the words of Jesus

These people didn't really _____ about evidence.

4. Some chose to _____.

John 7:48 "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law — there is a curse on them." 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, . . .

They rejected because of _____ they were.

They _____ those who believed _____.

They were _____ about some of their _____.

These people just _____ the evidence.

John 7:52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."

Is. 9:1 . . . In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan —

So What?

1. If you have already chosen to _____ the words of Jesus, accept your calling as a _____ of God's Spirit.

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."

2. If you are of the last three groups, understand that all of these have the same _____.