

Study Guide for March 22nd, 2009. The Right Judgment. John 7:14-36

Introduction: Describe a time when you made an initial assessment which later proved incorrect and needed to be corrected.

I. Jesus' claim and challenge. (John 7:14-24)

- A. When does Jesus go up for the feast? (vs. 14) (Recall vs. 8) Why now?
- B. What is the reaction of the Jews (the religious leaders not the crowd)? (vs. 15)
- C. In his rebuttal (vs. 16-19), what does Jesus assert about . . .
 - . . . 1) the source of his teaching?
 - . . . 2) the key to understanding his teaching?
 - . . . 3) the motive of his teaching?
 - . . . 4) their true response to the teaching of Moses?
- D. What is the crowd's response to Jesus' claims regarding his teaching?
- E. Jesus' challenge (vs. 21-24) is based on his earlier miracle (Jn. 5:1-18). Conflict arose regarding the Sabbath. Jesus accuses them of inconsistency b/c they circumcise on the Sabbath, yet are angry at his healing a man on that day.
- F. What does Jesus accuse them of doing? How are we susceptible to doing the same?

II. The crowd's confusion and confrontation. (John 7:25-31)

- A. What question does the crowd ask? What conclusion do they consider?
- B. Where does the crowd think Jesus is from? How is this ironic?
- C. What assertions does Jesus make (vs. 28-29) that exposes the crowd's hypocrisy?
- D. What differing responses do Jesus' words elicit?

III. The Leaders attempt and Jesus' appeal to them. (John 7:32-26)

- A. What do the religious attempt at this point? (vs. 32 and then note vs. 45-46)
- B. Summarize Jesus warning (vs.33-34). How serious is it? (see Jn. 8:21)
- C. What do the Jewish leaders conclude (vs. 35-36)? What really happened in Acts?

Conclusion: Augustine is credited with the following saying, "Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore do not seek to understand in order to believe, but believe that you may understand." Apply this statement to what you've seen in this text and in life.