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- ◆ The only way to avoid confusion and understand, know and love Him is to have our hearts and minds changed
- ◆ Is He true? Should we come to Him?

John 7:25-27 (English Standard Version)

²⁵Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? ²⁶And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?

²⁷But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from."

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- ◆ Jesus is in Jerusalem because it's time to elicit a response
- ◆ Hate and violence grow from His time there, leading to the cross
- ◆ Verse 27 is the man who has it all figured out and doesn't want to talk about Jesus
- ◆ Admit your ignorance
- ◆ Pray for a changed mind
- ◆ Hosea 4:1

John 7:28-29 (English Standard Version)

²⁸So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. ²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."

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- ◆ Jesus isn't worried about harm or accusers or rejection
- ◆ He boldly and lovingly confronts - why?
- ◆ Because He's desperate for you & jealous for you; that you'd be His and He'd be your most prized thing
- ◆ Christ is so offensive
- ◆ Regarding who they are and who He is

John 7:30-32 (English Standard Version)

³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

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- ◆ Second time His hour is mentioned
- ◆ Some have rejected Him; some are flirting with the idea that He might be the Messiah
- ◆ It is no better to know a little about Christ and believe wrongly than it is to reject Him and His claim of deity
- ◆ Lots of opinions and confusion
- ◆ Do you believe?

John 7:10-18 (English Standard Version)

³³Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me."

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- ◆ A sad verse as we begin to see the sadness of Christ
- ◆ Our rejection and the cross - Isaiah 53
- ◆ Matthew is full of parables about rejoicing and celebration; why isn't it happening?

John 7:10-18 (English Standard Version)

³⁴ You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." ³⁵The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

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- ◆ Where I'm going you can't come vs. John 14:3-4 who goes and who doesn't?
- ◆ Believing Christ now translates into being with Him forever
- ◆ Ironically, Jesus does go to the Gentiles
- ◆ Seek Him while you can find Him!

John 7:37-39 (English Standard Version)

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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- ◆ Last day of Feast of Tabernacles
- ◆ Every day, bring water to Temple and pour on the altar
- ◆ Plea for latter, refreshing rains
- ◆ 7th day done 7 times - this is what Jesus says in verse 37 - not accidental!
- ◆ "I'm the fulfillment of the Feast and Ezekiel – it's Me!"
- ◆ "A living river in you - and it's Me!"

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- ◆ This is Christ's invitation
- ◆ It's available to all
- ◆ Are you thirsty?
- ◆ Drink ⇔ Belief ⇔ Take in Christ
- ◆ Not a taste or sip - a river!

Isaiah 58:11 (English Standard Version)

¹¹And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.

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- ◆ God has a plan for you and it's all of this!
- ◆ Are you confused/offended?
- ◆ Pray for a changed mind/will
- ◆ Where do you need loving, persistent boldness?
- ◆ Are you assuming you'll always have tomorrow?



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COME UNTO ME."



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