

# SERMON OUTLINE John 7:14-24

Judge with Right Judgment and You Will See I Am from God

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## **THE CONTEXT (14)**

*Jesus Taught*

*In the Temple*

*In the Middle of the Feast of Booths*

*After Telling His Brothers He Wasn't Going*

## **THE CONFUSION (15)**

## **THE CLAIM (16)**

## **THE CONTRASTS (17-24)**

*Do You Truly Desire the Will of God? (17)*

*Are You After Your Own Glory or God's? (18)*

*Do You Keep the Law of Moses? (19)*

*Do You Bring Life or Death? (19-20)*

*Are You Interested in Seeing Party Tricks or the Power and Presence of God? (21)*

*Is the Sabbath for Man or Man for the Sabbath? (22-23)*

*By What Standard Do You Judge? (24)*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The two main things for us to get from this passage are: (1) All that Jesus said and did was from the Father, and (2) All who truly seek God will receive Jesus and His teaching. And the main takeaway for us is to give ourselves in increasing measure to allowing the words of Jesus to shape every aspect of our lives.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Can you remember a time when you "marveled" at a saying of Jesus? If not, why do you think that is? If so, describe it.
3. Have you ever had a conversation with someone who thinks a lot of "God" but little of Jesus? Where do you think they got that idea from? How did your conversation go? Is there anything in this passage that would have helped your conversation?
4. Which of the four components of the context of this passage stands out to you and why? Do you know who was allowed to teach in the temple in Jesus' day?
5. Can you think of a time when Jesus' words were in conflict with your expectation of Jesus? What happened?
6. How closely tied are Jesus' words and conviction/change in your life? How compelled do you ordinarily feel to do what the Bible commands? What does your answer to those questions tell you?
7. What do you think you would have done if you were present when Jesus said "My teaching is not my own, but his who sent me"? Do you think you would have believed Him? Why/not?
8. Do you truly desire the will of God? How earnestly do you seek it? What happens when you find it?
9. Are you more after your own glory or God's? What are you mainly motivated by?
10. Do you bring life or death? Do people generally leave encouraged by you and strengthened in the Lord?
11. Are you more interested in seeing tricks or the power of God? Would you be content if Jesus would simply heal your sickness?
12. Is the Sabbath for man or man for the Sabbath? How does this play out in your life?
13. By what standard do you judge? How do you decide what is right and wrong, good and bad, true and false?
14. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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15. Spend some time praying this week, asking God to help you marvel at the Word of God. Find one person who has recently marveled at the Word of God and ask them about it.
16. Find one area in which your life is in conflict with God's Word. Turn from it with God's help.
17. Share the gospel with someone.
18. Pick one of the contrasts and wrestle through it before DG. Share the fruit of your wrestlings with your DG.
19. Begin reading a book on the Christian worldview. Talk to your elder if you'd like some recommendations.
20. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

## PRAYER POINTS

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21. Adoration. Praise God for being Triune! Praise God for being love. Praise God that He is Truth. Praise God that He is just.
22. Confess. Confess a lack of marveling in your time in the Bible. Confess ways your life is out of sync with Jesus teaching.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God for forgiveness in Jesus. Thank God for always judging with the right standard. Thank God for giving us everything we need to know to honor Him and live in this world as we are designed to do.
24. Supplication. Ask God to save a specific person. Ask God to help everyone at Grace marvel at His Word, and then obey it.