

SERMON OUTLINE John 7:25-36

Can it Be that this Is the Christ?

THE CROWDS – IS THIS THE CHRIST?

Maybe (25-26)

Maybe Not (27-29)

Probably (30-31)

THE PHARISEES – HOW DO WE SILENCE HIM?

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

Grace Church, the two main—even if familiar—things for us to grasp from this passage are that (1) Jesus is the Christ and (2) having encountered Him we must either accept or reject Him as the Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever heard something that genuinely changed your life? What was it about what you heard that was so significant?
3. Which of our encounters with Jesus in the first seven chapters of John's Gospel has been most significant to you? Why?
4. What is one aspect of the Christian life—one practical aspect of living as God intends—that you wish you understood better?
5. Do you spend much time carefully considering how your life matches up with what Jesus has called you to? Why/not?
6. How has your response to Jesus changed over the course of your life?
7. Can you relate at all to the crowds who, in the course of a few minutes, seemed to move from maybe, to maybe not, to probably when considering the question of whether or not Jesus is the Christ?
8. What criteria were the crowds using to decide that question? What criteria are you using?
9. Have you ever found out that you were very wrong about some aspect of Jesus' nature or what He wants from you?
10. What do you think of this sentence from Pastor Dave's sermon? "Belief, even entirely sincere belief, even entirely zealous belief, even to-the-core-of my being belief, in something other than God as He really is, is entirely useless."
11. What do you think of the three-part definition of saving belief that Pastor Dave shared in his sermon?
12. Have you ever encountered a leader who was more concerned with keeping his/her leadership than leading well? Have you ever been that kind of leader? What was it like?
13. How, specifically, are you trusting in Jesus as the Christ? If you are not, why not?
14. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

15. Spend some time this week studying and considering what it means that Jesus is the Christ. Find one way to live in light of it.
16. Make a list of the encounters with Jesus in John 1-7. Identify which ones seem most significant to you personally.
17. Carefully and prayerfully consider how your life lines up with Jesus' call on your life. Find one area it doesn't and repent. Find one area it does and thank God for His grace.
18. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week.
19. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and 2) How you can pray for them.
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

21. Adoration. Praise God for being Father, Son, and Spirit. Praise God for being perfectly and harmoniously united as one God in three persons. Praise God for being wise enough to use the folly of mankind to accomplish His perfect purposes. Praise God for being eternal. Praise God for being enthroned in heaven.
22. Confess. Confess any doubts you have to God. Confess any ways you are not walking consistently with your faith in Jesus. Confess any failure to love God with all your heart, mind, or strength. Confess any lack of love for your neighbor.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God that Jesus is the Christ. Thank God that you believe in Jesus as the Christ.
24. Supplication. Ask God to help you believe and obey all that Jesus taught. Ask God to save a non-Christian neighbor.