

## VV STUDY NOTES: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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### ***Teachings of Jesus***

**Scriptures: John 7:11-53**

The events surrounding this visit to Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles has multiple dimensions. Jesus had turned down the suggestion of his own brothers to go with them to the festival. He later decided to go arriving halfway through the week.

The passage seems to present several issues that we need to discuss.

#### **1. The confusion that existed among the people caught up in the drama.**

- Some of the people knew the Leaders wanted to him dead. (v. 25-27)
- Some of them were shocked to hear that Jesus believed that.
- They all had different ideas of who Jesus was.
- There was secret private whispering about him throughout the city.
- There was a deep sense of fear about the Jewish leadership.

#### **2. Jesus' deliberate choice to go back to the conflict he had with the Jewish leaders when he healed someone on the Sabbath.**

That incident galvanized the leaders in their desire to kill him. (John 5: 1-18)

Why did Jesus suddenly connect the healing of the man to the circumcision of a child on the Sabbath? (John 7:21-24)

#### **3. The authority of Jesus to behave and teach as he ought.**

Jesus spoke 4 times about where his authority came and evoked strong responses.

- John 7:16-19
- John 7:28-31
- John 7:30-36
- John 7:37-44

#### **4. Anger, Confusion & Frustration among the leaders**

Jesus had created manic hostility from the leaders yet had effectively outwitted them.

He had said everything that needed to be said.

He had effectively challenged their own authority and accused them of rejecting the standards of the one they claimed to represent.

***Can you see any connection with this sermon from Daniel Duda and the contrast he made between conformity and grace?***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY8-UFafR1U&t=2170s>