**Book of John Series 7:29-53 Vol 16**

**Speaking Like Jesus**

**Good Friday is Apr 14th, 2017 Easter is celebrated Apr 16**

**Passover 2017 will begin in the evening of Monday April 10
and ends in the evening of Tuesday April 18**

**Passover week is the traditional Jewish celebration of the deliverance of the Hebrews from bondage in Egypt by the last plague which God put upon the land of the death of the first born males. We will be doing an in depth teaching of these festivals in the future.**

**Seeking to Destroy Jesus Vs 29-30**

**Seek and You Shall Not Find? Vs 31-36**

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**Who Do They Say Jesus Is? Vs 40-53**

**Last week we read that Jesus cried out in the Temple. What did he cry out about? The people were claiming they didn’t know who He was. He chided that they both know who He was and whence he came from, that is from heaven and from the Father.**

**Seeking to Destroy Jesus Vs 29-30***Joh 7:29-30 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. 30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.* **Jesus asserts that He knows the Father and they don’t. Once again the same religious authorities are seeking to destroy Jesus, yet we see the Father protecting Him. There was an appointed time of the Passover future that God determined would be Jesus’ time of sacrifice. This would fulfill OT and NT prophecies**.

Mar 11:17-18 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it,* and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

**The authorities feared Jesus not because of who He was, but that His doctrine would have such influence over the people they might reject them.**

Luk 19:46-48 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. 47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, 48 And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

**This desire to destroy Jesus was from the beginning of His ministry until His trial and crucifixion which they arranged through the manipulation of the Jewish leaders and the people in general over three years after His baptism by John.**

Luk 20:18-20 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. 19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them. 20 And they watched *him,* and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

**Seek and You Shall Not Find? Vs 31-36***31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done? 32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. 33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me. 34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come. 35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? 36 What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come?*

**We see in this passage something most Christians have never heard of Jesus. He tells the listeners that they will seek Him and not find Him! Elsewhere in NT Scripture we see God is telling people to seek and they will find Him!**

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mar\_8:12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

Luk\_13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Joh 13:33-37 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. 36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. 37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

**In this passage in John 13, I believe this is referring to Him going to the cross for humanity, unto death, and resurrection of the first born from among the dead for sin. Then ultimately He will ascend back unto His father after 40 days of teaching the disciples. He assures the disciples that they can not follow Him now but will later.**

**Last Day of the Feast Vs 37-39**

*37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

 **Jesus again cries out, this time speaking of those that would come to Him they would receive the Holy Ghost which would be Living Water flowing from within themselves. This is the new birth, and how God uses Himself within a believer to bring conviction upon the world about sin, righteousness, and His judgment to come.**

Joh 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

**Joh 14:26** But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

**Joh 15:26-27** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Joh 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

The Feast of Tabernacles is unique in that the Gentile nations were/are invited to come up to Jerusalem along with the Jewish people to worship the Lord at this "appointed time". The Lord told Moses to father all men, women and children, along with the foreigners in their land, so they can learn to fear the Lord (Deut. 31:12).

When Solomon later dedicated the Temple at Sukkot, he asked the Lord to hear the prayers of any foreigners that would come there to pray (2 Chronicles 6:32-33). We know that Jesus kept the Feast of Tabernacles. (John 7:37-38)

As Gentiles we have been invited by God’s love through the Gospel to join in worship of Him with the believing Jews like Nicodemus both now and in the age to come.

The festival is eight days long in the fall. This year it will be celebrated by many Hebrew roots sects from Oct 6-11. It involves a tent, temporary shelter, and the celebrating and worship of God as we sojourn through this wilderness to the Kingdom to come where we will worship and serve Him forever.

**Who Do They Say Jesus Is? Vs 40-53 [PURVIEW THE WHOLE PASSAGE]**

*40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? 43 So there was a division among the people because of him. 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. 45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? 46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. 47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? 48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? 49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. 50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) 51 Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. 53 And every man went unto his own house*

**Of course we must ask ourselves, “Who do we say that He is?” Jesus Himself asked the disciples and others this very thing. You will note during the differing discussions in this section between the people the question of whether Jesus is from Galilee or from Nazareth. We know that he was from both born in Nazareth, fulfilling prophecy and teaching and doing miracles in Galilee. One is a specific town the other is a locality. So we see both/and not an either/or settlement to the argument.**

Mar\_8:27-30 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? Mar 8:28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some *say,* Elias; and others, One of the prophets. 29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. 30 **And he charged them that they should tell no man of him**.

Luk 22:67-71 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 And if I also ask *you,* ye will not answer me, nor let *me* go. 69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. **70** Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. 71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

**No One Spoke Like Jesus Vs 45-47**

**When the Pharisees sent the guard to arrest Jesus and they came back with the report of their amazement at his doctrine, the leaders became accusatory toward the ones they sent. Can the world accuse you of being amazed at the words of Jesus?**

**In vs 49 we find that the Pharisees are making the statement that those who don’t believe the Law, the Gentiles, are cursed. This statement was made during the festival of Sukkot or Tabernacles which was the time of recognition that God would dwell with mankind. As I explained before this Jewish feast was unique because all people were invited to participate.**

**In vs’ 50-52 Nicodemus stands up and gives a type of judicial defense of Jesus. Of course, he then immediately comes under possible accusations for siding with Jesus. Keep in mind that Nicodemus had come to Jesus at night, defended him to the Jewish court, and sought Jesus’ body after His death. I believe he had been converted.**

**In summary, we see that during the long week of teachings that Jesus did during the Festival of Tents that He challenged the doctrines of the Jewish leadership, amazed the people, proclaimed His origins, demonstrated His power, and made the call, if ANY man would thirst let him come to Jesus. AMAZING.**