

John 7:11

These things took place in the city of Jerusalem during one of their large yearly festivals.

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Think about [John 7:11-12](#).

The Jews were looking for him (Jesus) at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray."

- There were two groups of Jews looking for Jesus at this feast. What made the groups different from each other?
 - Why do you think one group said Jesus was good? [Matthew 12:33-35](#)
(Jesus said) "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. ... The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil."
 - Why did one group say Jesus was evil?
 - What was Jesus leading the people away from? [Mark 12:38-40](#)
And in his teaching he (Jesus) said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."
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Think about [John 7:14-16](#).

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me."

- Why were some of the Jews amazed at Jesus' teaching?
 - How did Jesus answer their question?
 - From where did Jesus **NOT** get the words he taught the people?
 - From where did Jesus get the words he taught the people? [John 14:10](#)
(Jesus said) "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works."
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Think about [John 7:17](#).

(Jesus said) Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own.

- How can we **know** if the teachings of Jesus are truly from God?
- If a person wants to please God, where does that desire to please God come from?
[Philippians 2:13](#)
for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

(4)

The Jews at the feast were arguing in secret whether Jesus and his teaching were good or evil.

Think about [John 7:24](#).

(Jesus said) "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

- How do these words of Jesus help people to decide whether he is good or evil?
- If they were to decide by Jesus' appearance and apparent traits (qualities), what would they say?
- If they were to decide by his words and deeds, what would they say? [Matthew 12:33](#)
(Jesus said) "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit."

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Think about [John 7:28-29](#).

So 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 (will). He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."

- What is not the reason Jesus came?
 - What is the reason Jesus came?
 - How does Jesus describe the one who sent him?
 - Who did the people not know?
 - Who did Jesus know? Why did Jesus know him?
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