

## John 7:30

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Jesus was teaching openly in the temple in Jerusalem, proclaiming that God had sent him and that the Jewish authorities did not know God.

Think about [John 7:30](#).

*So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.*

- What did the Jewish rulers wish to do to Jesus?
  - Why were they unable to do it at that time?
  - Why were they able to do it later? [Mark 14:41-46](#)  
*And he (Jesus) came the third time and said to them (the apostles), "... It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ... And they laid hands on him (Jesus) and seized him.*
  - What does this teach us about our time on earth? [Acts 2:23](#)  
*this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you (Jews) crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.*
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(2)

Think about [John 7:31](#).

*Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"*

- Why did many of the people believe Jesus is the Christ?
  - Why did Jesus do so many supernatural, good works? [John 10:37-38](#)  
*"If I (Jesus) am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."*
  - Why did Jesus' followers record many of the miracles they saw Jesus do? [John 20:30-31](#)  
*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*
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Think about [John 7:32](#) and [7:45-49](#).

*The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him (Jesus), and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ... The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."*

- Why did the Jewish rulers send police officers to seize Jesus?
- Why didn't the police officers arrest Jesus?
- What did the Pharisees say about the people who believed Jesus?
- Why did the Jewish rulers think the people should not believe in Jesus?
- Why didn't the Jewish authorities believe Jesus is the son of God? [John 11:47-48](#)  
*So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and **take away** both our place and our nation."*

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(4)

Think about [John 7:33-34](#).

*Jesus then said, "I will be with you (Jews) a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come."*

- How did Jesus describe his death?
  - Will those who believe Jesus, go away to be with him someday? [John 13:33-36](#)  
*"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, "Where I am going you cannot come." ... Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."*
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