Divine Division.

Nov. 22nd & 23rd, 2025



Read John 7:1-52.

- 1. Why did the Jewish leaders in Judea want to kill Jesus?
- 2. Jesus' brothers challenged him to go to the festival in public to show everyone who he is. Instead, Jesus went in private and waited until halfway through the festival to make a public appearance. What does this tell you about who Jesus is?
- 3. Why do you think the people were afraid of the religious leaders? What does this tell you about the religious climate during Jesus' ministry? (v. 13)

4. Who did Jesus' brothers think Jesus was? What about the crowds? What about the religious leaders?

- 5. In **John 7:37-38**, Jesus says "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within him." Where else in the book of John have we seen Jesus use food or water as an illustration? How do these other passages help us understand what Jesus is saying in **verses 37-38**?
- 6. What is significant about having the Holy Spirit within you as a believer? What benefits does he provide?
- 7. Jesus' invitation goes out to a crowd that doubts Jesus' claim to be the Messiah. How does this merciful invitation affect the way you view God?

8. Do you see division about who Jesus is within your own families, at work, or among different religions? Why do you think Jesus' identity causes so much division?

9. How do other people that you know identify Jesus? Who do they say he is, and why?

10. Jesus was not the kind of Messiah the people were expecting. As you learn more about Jesus, in what ways have you been surprised by who he is?