

John 7:14-24

Main Point: Jesus goes privately to the feast but reveals his character and commitment by publicly teaching in a place of hostility.

1. Jesus was a man of courage

John 7:14, Luke 2:45-46, Matthew 26:37-39, Acts 4:31

2. Jesus loved the Scriptures

John 7:15, Matthew 4:4, Matthew 4:7, Matthew 4:9-10, Luke 24:25-27

“If you choose to starve yourself by a long fast of 50 days, so you must. If I were to sit down and industriously attempt to eat your portion of food, and my own, too, it would not help you in the least! You must eat for yourselves and there is no knowing the value of God’s Word till you eat it for yourself. You must personally believe it, personally trust to it, personally receive it into your innermost spirit, or else you cannot know anything about its power to bless and to sustain! I do pray, dear Friends, that we may, every one of us, tonight, understand what the Psalmist meant when he spoke of tasting God’s Words and of finding them sweeter than honey to his mouth.” -Charles Spurgeon-

3. Jesus submitted to the will of the Father

John 7:16-18, Philippians 2:5-8, John 6:38

Those who speak based on their own authority are only after glory for themselves

Many of us want the blessings of God, but we don’t want Him riding us and bringing us into submission of his will

Submission to God’s Authority is pride crushing? What does it practically look like?

4. Jesus spoke the truth with clarity

John 7:19-24

“Has not Moses given you the law? Yet, none of you keeps the law.”

Without the truth spoken clearly we have no foundation to build back what has been torn down by lies

John 14:6