

John 7:25-31
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REVIEW:

John 7:14-24 - July 6, 2014

SUBJECT: The teachings of Jesus at the feast of tabernacles.

THEME: To reject the teachings of Jesus is to reject the teaching of GOD!

PROPOSITION: Have you received the Word of Jesus as the Word of God. There is no other Word (name) given under heaven whereby men must be saved!

- I. THE ORIGIN OF JESUS TEACHING
- II. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS TEACHING
- III. THE APPLICATION OF JESUS' TEACHING
- IV. THE OBSTACLES TO JESUS' TEACHING

Subject: **The Recognition of the Son of God.**

Theme: **Jesus Christ is recognized as the Son of God by many people who refuse to receive Him.**

This was true in His day as well as in ours.

Proposition: **Have you both RECOGNIZED and RECEIVED the Savior?**

- I. THE RECOGNITION OF JESUS CHRIST
- II. THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST
- III. THE RECEPTION OF JESUS CHRIST

As is evident in our studies in John so far, Jesus was a controversial and divisive factor even as He walked among mankind:

Acts 5:38-39 Gamaliel (*Paul's teacher*) . "...for if this counsel (*plan*) or this work be of men, it will come to nothing; But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest perhaps ye be found even to fight against God!"

I. THE RECOGNITION OF JESUS CHRIST

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Joh 7:25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?

Joh 7:26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they (*the rulers*) say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?

A. BY THE LEADERS "rulers"

Reference again Nehemiah/Ezra revival that led (ultimately) to the extant conditions in Jerusalem 400 years later at the advent of Christ. Good intentions – absent a true and abiding relationship with God – have led to an empty religious experience. When **the "LAW" (government)** becomes the moral arbiter – rather than a "personal relationship with God" – the results are always disastrous. True "**moral righteousness**" can only result in the **heart of man that has truly entered into a right relationship with God.**

Ref: True circumcision Romans 8:25:29

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* **circumcision** that which *is* outward in the flesh;

Rom 2:29 but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit**, not in the letter; **whose praise is not from men but from God.**

Use Matt. 12:33-46

Mat 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the **tree is known by his fruit.**

Mat 12:34 **O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**

Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 **For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

Mat 12:38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, **Master, we would see a sign from thee.**

Mat 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:**

Mat 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; **so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

Mat 12:41 **The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.**

Mat 12:42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, **behold, a greater than Solomon is here.** (*the queen of Sheba, a Gentile – traveled to meet with Solomon*)

Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Mat 12:44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.

Mat 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. **Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

Mat 12:46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

MATT. 21:33; (Mk. 12:1-9; Lk. 20:9-19;) then Isa. 5:1-7.

Mat 21:33 Hear another parable: There was a **certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:**

Who is in view here? LOOK AT ISA . 5:1-7

Isa 5:1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching **his vineyard**. My **wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:**

Isa 5:2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he **looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.**

Isa 5:3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

Isa 5:4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

Isa 5:5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

Isa 5:6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

Isa 5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

ISRAEL IS GOD'S VINEYARD. AND IT HAS INDEED PRODUCED SOME WILD GRAPES!
AND **THEIR PROBLEM LIES IN WHO THE VINEYARD KEEPERS ARE!** AND THE PHARISEES THEMSELVES KNOW JUST WHO JESUS REFERRED TO IN HIS PARABLE.

****Matt. 21:45-6**** "when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard these parables, **THEY PERCEIVED THAT HE SPOKE OF THEM.** BUT WHEN THEY sought to lay hands on him {just as the parable predicts!} **THEY FEARED THE MULTITUDE, BECAUSE THEY REGARDED HIM AS A PROPHET.**"

The leaders recognized Him and sought to slay Him and when He pointed this out to them (**John 7:20**) they **accused Him of having a Demon!**

Actually, the **demons didn't want anything to do with Jesus!** Demons recognized Jesus...

Matt. 8:29 "And they cried out saying, **what have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Son of God? Art thou come here to torment us before our time?"**

The demons recognized Him but they wanted nothing to do with him!

Mk.1:24 "Let us alone! What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? **I know thee, who thou art, the Holy One of God.**"

THE LEADERS OF THE DAY RECOGNIZED HIM, THE DEMONS RECOGNIZED HIM, AND IN SOME WAYS, SO DID THE LAYMEN OF THE DAY. "*But they feared the multitude, because they regarded Him as a prophet.*"

{ see **NYPD Cop-Turned-Demonologist** article attached for a chilling article from last weeks news.

I. THE RECOGNITION OF JESUS CHRIST

B. BY THE LAYMEN

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Joh 7:27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

Joh 7:28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, **Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.**

"You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know." NKJV

"Come on, Get real!" You Know Me! and You Know Where I Am from.

28b - 29. His confession of His origin, and the subsequent assassination attempt.

John 7:29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

A division of opinion as to His identity: ****40 - 44**44** seems to indicate that amongst the laymen there were also those who would do Him harm.

And yet, in the midst of all this, **v. 31** tells us that there were those who believed on Him!
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Joh 7:31 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?

This infuriated the Pharisees and the chief priests so they sent officers to take Him. ****32**

HE WAS RECOGNIZED, BUT HE WAS REJECTED!

II. THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

What a sad state of affairs this is.

1. To see the Son of God.
2. To RECOGNIZE Him for Who He is
3. And then to KNOWINGLY reject Him.!

Look at what Jesus told them in **33 - 34** .

Joh 7:33 Then said Jesus unto them, **Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.**

Joh 7:34 **Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.**

You have a season in which you can KNOW ME. I am Here! I Am NOW. If you refuse, YOU WILL MISS YOUR CHANCE!

AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED! **Matt. 21:43. Nation = generation.** [or, NIV "a people"]
The Pharisees wanted the vineyard for themselves.

Mat 21:43 **Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**

They abused and slew the prophets of God.

They slew the Vineyard Owner's Son.

They sought to illegally possess that which belonged to another

And for a while, it looked like they had succeeded!

But what had God predicted would be the outcome for the nation when they produced sour grapes? Look Back ****Isaiah 5:4-7****

Isa 5:4 What more could have been done to **My vineyard** That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?

Isa 5:5 And now, please **let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.**

Isa 5:6 I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it."

Isa 5:7 **For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.**

What more apt description could there be of the condition of the land of Israel for a period of almost 2000 years between 70 a.d. and 1948 bc.! Taken from one generation and given to another "BRINGING FORTH THE FRUITS OF IT."

ISRAEL IS IN THE LAND!

GOD IS DEALING WITH THEM AS A NATION AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO THOUSAND YEARS. THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST IS **IMMINENT!** ANY MOMENT HE MAY COME FOR HIS BODY, THE CHURCH, AND TAKE US TO BE WITH HIM, AND THEN HE WILL AGAIN DEAL WITH HIS PEOPLE THE JEWS AS A NATION.

Romans 11:1-2a & Elijah and v.5 REMNANT.

Rom 11:1 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of the tribe of Benjamin.*

Rom 11:2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of **Elijah**, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

Rom 11:3 "LORD, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS AND TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY SEEK MY LIFE"?

Rom 11:5 Even so then, at this present time there is a **remnant** according to the election of grace.

Meanwhile, we are in a very special age of Grace. God has for a season put off His chosen nation of Israel and is dealing with all people of all nations.

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Rom 11:23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, **for God is able to graft them in again.**

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Thank God for this brief period of Grace in which He has provided for us who believe, a way of salvation.

We need to be careful to heed the warning that Jesus gave unto the Pharisees,

****John 7:33-34 "yet a little while and I am with you, and then I go unto Him that sent me. YE SHALL SEEK ME AND YE SHALL NOT FIND ME; AND WHERE I AM, THERE YE CANNOT COME."**

The nation of Israel thought that they had plenty of time. They were entrenched in the land, they had a temple, they had religion. They could not imagine a time when they would seek a place of repentance and none could be found. But such a time fell on their nation and for 2000 years the nation has wandered about **in search of another Messiah!** But there will not be another! **There is but ONE.** And He has come, and they **REJECTED HIM!!!!**

NOTE: Barbara Walters recently admitted that they all thought Obama was the Messiah. Ms. Walters is a Jew, Grandfather Isaac Abrahams – parents both Jews.

THEY **RECOGNIZED HIM** AND THEY HAD A CHANCE TO KNOW HIM AND THEY **REJECTED HIM!**

III. THE RECEPTION OF JESUS CHRIST

How about you today? Aren't you tired of playing games with God? You **KNOW** who He is, **BUT HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM?**

Just so you won't run out of things to worry about:

NYPD Cop-Turned-Demonologist on Why He Believes Possessions Are on the Rise — and the Most Terrifying Thing He's Seen During an Exorcism

Jul. 5, 2014 7:10am Billy Hallowell^[1] From "[The Blaze](#)"

Despite always believing in the existence of good, evil and God, ex-New York Police Department sergeant Ralph Sarchie didn't consider himself a particularly religious guy — that is, until he began battling what he says are dangerous, supernatural forces.

Sarchie, a self-described demonologist who was once a cop for the 46th police precinct in New York City — and the inspiration for the new Hollywood film "[Deliver Us From Evil](#)" — **told TheBlaze that he believes possessions and infestations are on the rise.**

"It's definitely on the rise. I hate to say it," Sarchie said in an interview. "As society pushes God out, no one can deny that that's happening. There's a good portion of society that just cannot stomach Jesus Christ and when I see that, I have to wonder where that hatred comes from."

Of the many exorcisms he has participated in and assisted with, Sarchie — who became an independent part-time paranormal investigator while working with the NYPD — said the most terrifying thing he has seen occurred when he placed a crucifix next to a supposedly possessed individual's head.

"We had a couple of relics in the church that day and mine was on the right side of this person's head near the ear area ... I usually stand in front," he said. "I could see the eyes — that one eye looking over at the crucifix, but not turning the head. The head was like a statue ... the eyes were going back and forth and that was a frightening thing to see."

Sarchie described the person as looking like a trapped animal who was scared but still very much a volatile predator attempting an escape.

"I've been a cop for a long time. I dealt with a lot of emotionally disturbed persons [and] I've arrested some pretty bad people and I have never, never in my life in the street seen anything like that," he said. "A murderer's look from a person is nothing like a person who is under possession."

As for his work — a career that is certainly unconventional — the former cop broke his professional life down in simple terms.

"Demonology is the study of demons. It's like all your all other 'ologies,'" Sarchie said. "I approach it from a religious point of view."

While he wasn't always the strong Roman Catholic he is today, Sarchie said that he realized that battling the forces of evil meant securing a good relationship with God.

"If I was going to get involved in battling the devil, I needed to get a strong religion," he said. "I pray every day — I pray my rosary every day and I pray to God every day that what I'm doing in this life is pleasing to him. I can only do what I know he wants me to do."

Sarchie recalled how he became involved in demonology: After getting married and having his first daughter, he connected with Ed and Lorraine Warren, real-life paranormal investigators who were depicted in last year's horror flick "The Conjuring." [3]

"I became one of their students and I started to go out on cases with [the Warrens]," Sarchie told TheBlaze.

He described the signs of possession, including unnatural strength, speaking in different languages, having knowledge of events that one would have no way of knowing, a woman speaking in a man's voice and a person making animal sounds.

Additionally, Sarchie, who said only ordained clergy should perform exorcisms, explained that possessed individuals oftentimes know information about the past sins of exorcists and assistants.

Despite making a name for himself as a prominent demonologist, Sarchie said he has never accepted a penny for his assistance, always offering his services free of charge. In fact, he said, cases often cost him money, as he must fund his own travel expenses to various localities.

The former cop says he knows there are many who doubt his claims, but he told TheBlaze he doesn't pay them any mind.

"I get word of all these skeptics out there and some of them are getting real nasty," he said. "I'm not interested in what they say, I'm not interested in what they think about me. I don't care."