



***The Great I AM
"Identity Crisis"
John 7:25-36***

A Question of Arrival (25-31)

- The Source (28-29)

Other views on the Identity of Christ:

Mormonism – Lord, Savior and redeemer, but a created being; spirit-brother of Lucifer.

Jehovah's Witness- a created being; Michael the Archangel in human form. A savior who rose only spiritually rather than physically.

Eastern Religions (Hinduism, Buddhism) - just another avatar or holy man or prophet, another reincarnation of the impersonal Brahman (force of God).

Islam – Jesus was created and not eternal. A prophet, no atonement or gospel (no crucifixion, burial , resurrection).

Atheism- non-existent or a prophet.

A Question of Destination (32-36)

Rev. 1:7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Who was Jesus?

- He began His ministry by being hungry, yet He is the Bread of Life.***
- Jesus ended His earthly ministry by being thirsty, yet He is the Living Water.***
- Jesus was weary, yet He is our rest.***
- Jesus paid tribute, yet He is the King.***
- Jesus was accused of having a demon, yet He cast out demons.***

- *Jesus wept, yet He wipes away our tears.*
- *Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet He redeemed the world.*
- *Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, yet He is the Good Shepherd.*
- *Jesus died, yet by His death He destroyed the power of death.*

- *Gregory of Nazianzus, A.D. 381*

Food For Thought: the true identity of Jesus Christ reveals a person's relationship to God and their future destiny. People must understand that there is nothing more important than knowing the true identity of Jesus Christ and the ramifications of that truth.

1. Who is saying what about Jesus in this passage ?

2. What is causing the confusion from the teaching of Jesus?

3. How do you account for the wide range of opinions about Him- then and now?

Bible Text
John 7:25-36
(ESV)

25 Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." 28 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. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. 29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." 30 So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. 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?" 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. 33 Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. 34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." 35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

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- Pray for opportunities to take advantage of what you learned in our summer series to share your faith and the gospel.
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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)