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Gospel of John
John 7:40-52
Jesus at the Feast of Booths
Part 5
Jesus Divides

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Context:

Feast of the Booths/Tabernacles (It's the last day of the feast)

- The Pharisees and chief priests have sent officers to arrest Jesus v32
- As tradition on the last day of the feast there is a water ritual remembering when God provided water for the Israelites in the wilderness from the Rock at Horeb (Ex 17:1-7)
- *V37 Jesus stood up and cried out “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scriptures has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*
 - Jesus was the Rock at Horeb (1 Corinthians 10:4)
- Jesus once again has placed Himself at the center of Jewish History and the fulfillment of God's unfolding redemption.

John 7:40-44

When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” 41 Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

John 7:45-52

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” 46 The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” 47 The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” 52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

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- **Deut 18:15-22** *“YHWH your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen”*

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- **Luke 2:1-7 (Matthew 1:1-17)** *And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David*

43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

- **Matthew 10:34-36** *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.*

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- First-Jesus did not speak on the authority of another man like the Rabbis did, but spoke on the authority of His Father as One equal with the Father (John 7:18, Matt 7:28)
- Second: Jesus spoke about Himself said things no other had said:
 - *1:51 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.*
 - *2:16 Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.*
 - *3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*
 - *3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*
 - *4:14 Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again*
 - *4:26 I who speak to you am he*
 - *5:8 Get up, take up your bed and walk*
 - *5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet your refuse to come to me that you may have life*
 - *6:35 I AM the bread of life, whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believe in me shall never thirst.*
 - *6:54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life*

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- Take note of the irony—all the claims the Pharisees make about the officers and the crowd are true of themselves

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Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord-CS Lewis