



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 7:25-36 (NAS)

“Can It Be That This Is The Christ?”

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- 25 So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"
- 26 "Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they?"
- 27 "However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from."
- 28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.
- 29 "I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me."
- 30 So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- 31 But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, "When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?"
- 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.
- 33 Therefore Jesus said, "For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.
- 34 You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."
- 35 The Jews then said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?"
- 36 "What is this statement that He said, 'You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come'?"

### **I. IT WAS A CRITICAL TIME**

- A. The Last Six Months Of Jesus' Life On The Way To The Cross
- B. It Would Have Grave Effects On Israel
- C. It Would Effect All History

### **II. THE JEWS RESPONSE TO JESUS**

- A. He Did Not Fill Their Political Aspirations
- B. They Were Jealous Of Him
- C. They Wanted To Kill Him
- D. They Sent Soldiers To Arrest Him

E. They Could Not Thwart His Ministry *Matthew 16:16-18; 10:29*

F. His Time Had Not Yet Come

### **III. THE JEWS EXPECTATIONS OF A MESSIAH**

- A. They Thought They Knew Where He Was From
- B. They Had False Expectations For The Messiah
- C. They Rejected The Messiah *Matthew 23:37*

### **IV. PEOPLE REJECT HIM TODAY**

- A. He Does Not Fulfill Their Political Aspirations
- B. He Does Not Provide A Trouble-Free Life *Matthew 24:9; John 16:33; Romans 5:3-5*

### **V. HE WOULD SHORTLY RETURN TO GLORY**

- A. As Prophet
- B. As Priest
- C. As King