



WORD

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**THE
TROUBLE
WITH JESUS' MINISTRY**

John 7:1-52 (ESV)

Questions to John 7:1-52

1. What are the 3 required yearly feasts of the Jews? (*Exo. 23:14-17*)
2. What principle is shown in John 7:5? How should this principle affect our attitudes and expectations towards God?
3. From 7:7, why did the world hate Jesus? Does the world hate Christians these days? Why?
4. What is the significance that Jesus, if any, made the offer of living water on the last day of the feast?
5. Are there any areas that your character is not aligned with the Word of God? What is your response?
6. Share a trouble/s you are facing ministry? How would you respond using the Jesus way?

The Feast of Booths

- Also known as the Feast of Tabernacle or Ingathering (Sukkot)
- Celebrates God's providence during the Exodus (*Lev. 23*)
- Commemorates the coming of the Messiah
- In the rebuilding of the temple, the Jews heard Ezra read the Word of God during the Feast (*Neh. 8*)
- One of 3 feasts the Jews were to observe at the temple every year (*Deut. 16:16*)
- Takes place on the 15th day of the month of Tishri (*Lev. 23:34*)
- Lasts 7 days (*Deut. 16:13, 15*)



Booth or Tent

Pool of Siloam





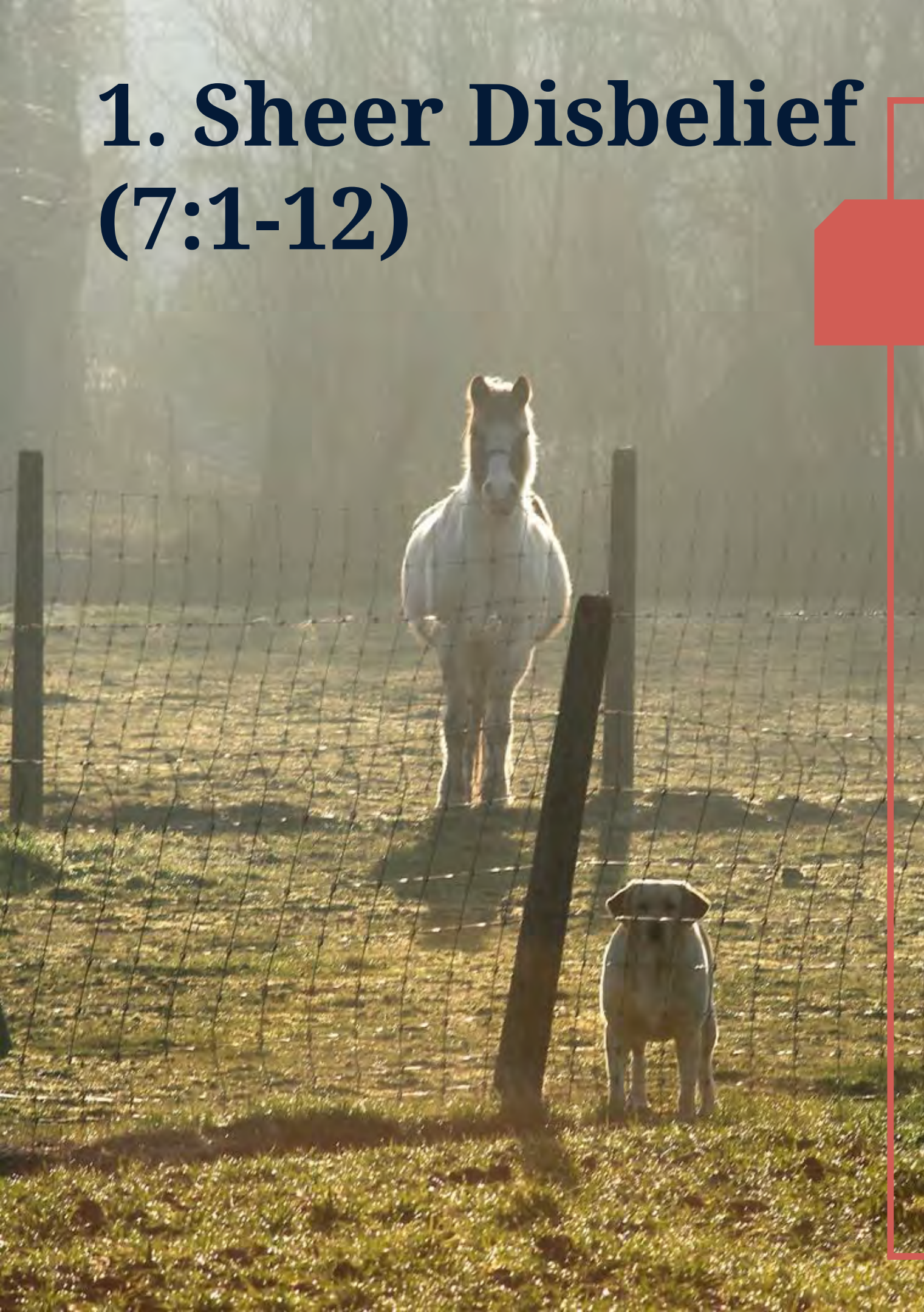
Trouble at 3 Scenes

Before the Feast: **Sheer Disbelief** (7:1-12)

Middle of the Feast: **Stormy Debate** (7:13-36)

After the Feast: **Staggering Disagreement** (7:37-52)

1. Sheer Disbelief (7:1-12)



- Jesus' half-brothers did not believe Him
- They challenged Him to:
 - a) Seize the moment;
 - b) Recoup His loss;
 - c) Make up lost opportunity;
- Unbelief of half-brothers prophesied in **Psalm 69:8**, "I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons."
- Can one be close to Jesus and still not believe or recognize Him? Why?
- Can we discern like Jesus does? Why?

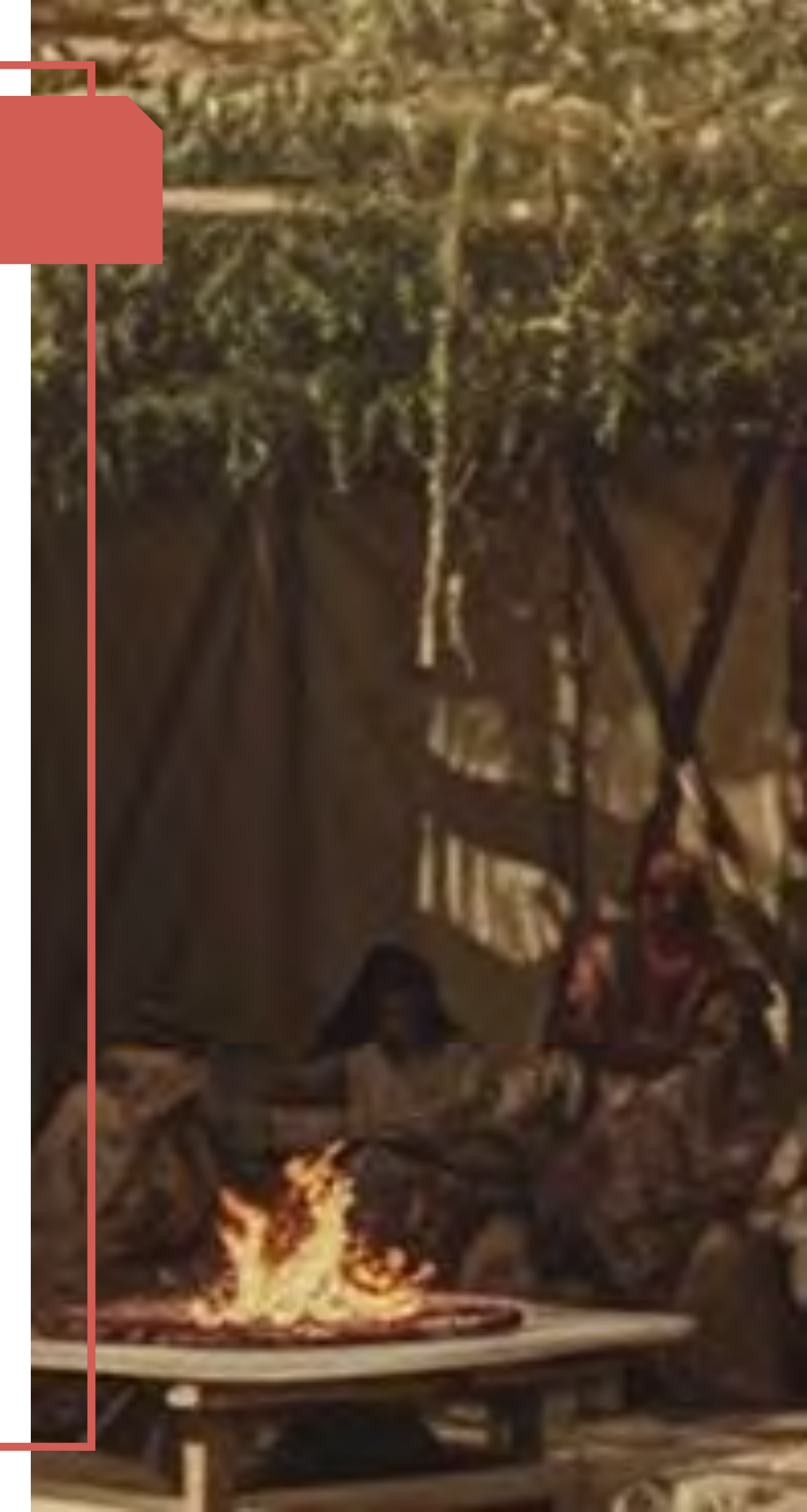
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After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ² Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. ⁴ For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵ For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here... ¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private...

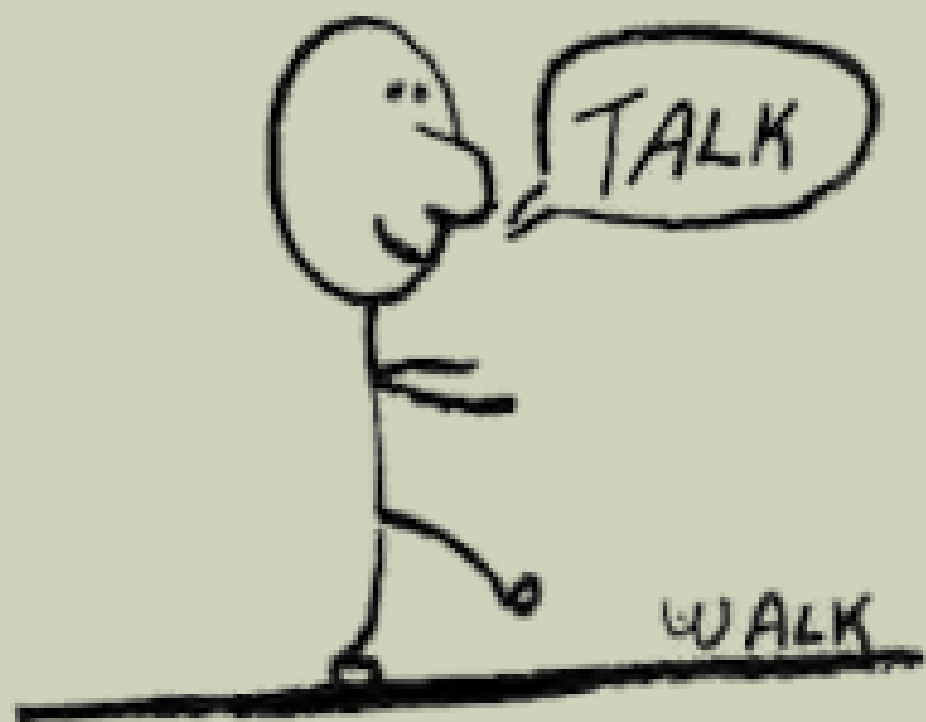


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¹⁴ About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me..." ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²² Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."



2. Stormy Debate (7:13-36)



- 3 groups of people:
 - a. Jewish leaders (v32): Pharisees, chief priests, scribes. Want to kill Jesus
 - b. Pilgrims (v 12-13, 20, 31-32): Mixed reaction. Many believed. Others doubted
 - c. Jerusalem residents: They sided with the Jewish leaders
- Debates centred around Jesus' Character & His Doctrine
- Jesus' Walks the Talk; His Word and Works are consistent
- He is a man of integrity
- Is your character consistent with your doctrine? Do you walk the talk?

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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?... ²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple,...





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Quotes on **Words**

“Be careful with your words. Once they’re said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.”

“Words scar more than you think.”

“The tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart.”

“With our tongues we commend God and... curse men.”

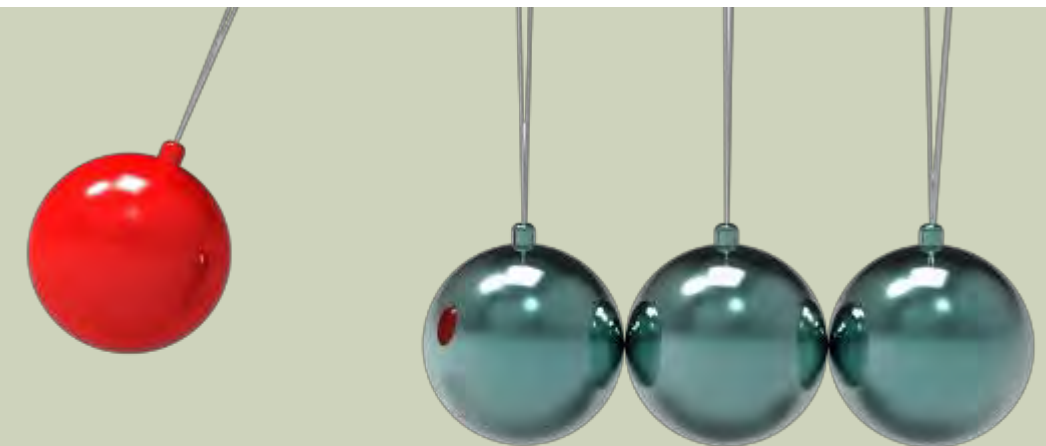


Quotes on **Actions**

"Faith without actions is dead." (James 2:17 GNT)

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good" (Titus 3:1 CSB)

"Being passive is a perversion of the justice of God."





3. Staggering Disagreement (7:37-52)

- ***“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)***
- Jesus’ declaration stirred up a great division, pitting crowd against crowd, Pharisee against Pharisee
- But His Words left the guards speechless and paralysed
- ***Job 42:2, “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”***

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³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified...



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⁴⁰ 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?... 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!"... 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."



Response

REDEDICATE

Your life to God
and to the work of
the Holy Spirit

RECEIVE

Would you receive
the Jesus?
Would you receive
God's blessing and
be a blessing?

RESOLUTION

To Walk the Talk

REPENT

Have you
mistreated or
despised
someone?
Repent. Make
restitution now
with those you
have hurt