



Thirsty? Drink

John 7

One Couldn't Help But Ask

- Some question what they claim is a contradiction in Jesus' attitude towards death, citing His avoidance of walking into trap set by the Jewish leaders in Galili seeking to put Him to death yet telling His disciples, "My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body" Luke 12:4. How would you comment about Jesus' feelings about His imminent death? Consider V-5 of the citation from Luke or John 7:6-9.
- In John 7:3-5, John informs us that Jesus' brothers do not really believe in Him and they goad Him into going to Jerusalem and "show yourself". How would you explain His own brothers' failure to support the man they have grown up with? Did they ever change their minds?
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The Take Aways

- Jesus acknowledged that His purpose here on earth was to carry out His father's will, to be the perfect atonement for the sins of the world. This would be carried out on the cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Jesus did not fear death, but He also knew that there was a time for it, and it had not yet come. God has no need of rushing to His conclusion to satisfy mankind. All things will be done as He chooses.
- Jesus performed most of His miracles in Galilee, a small town. His brothers, and others, probably thought He needed to go all in and show Himself in the Hollywood of their day, Jerusalem! And, just as we may have had doubts about someone we know closely when they make a claim far bigger than we ever thought of them, his brothers might have felt the same. The bible tells us that His brother James was at the crucifixion. He also became a leader of the early church
- The acceptance of Jesus as our personal savior and the only path to our heavenly Father is as mixed today as it has ever been, and volumes are written as to why. Perhaps because Jesus can, as the propitiation for all sin, call all mankind into question for their sins. This makes many uncomfortable because they have lived their lives mindful of their sinful behavior with no intention of changing it.
- We know that Jesus speaks the truth because we have been drawn to Him by the Father, God.

This takes some time and thought to comprehend I think.

When we finally arrive at the conclusion that there is more to this life than the things created that surround us, we realize that the Creator and not His creation is the real marvel of it all. From that moment we are led, by God, to Jesus, the one who gave His life to pay the debt for our sin and conquered the grave that we might be with Him for eternity.

The best way to learn of this story is to read His Word, the Bible and be in fellowship with others traveling the same road as you. If you are interested in learning more, stop in any Sunday morning and join us. No one will ever push you to join Christianity, the choice is yours.

An invitation to join us

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