



# 12 BIG QUESTIONS AND ONE REALLY BIG ANSWER

JOHN 7:25-52

The decision to treasure Jesus is rarely simple but it comes with extraordinary support.





Is Jesus the Messiah?



<sup>25</sup> Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? <sup>26</sup> 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? <sup>27</sup> But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." <sup>28</sup> 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.

<sup>29</sup> I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." <sup>30</sup> So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup> Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"



- Is Jesus the Messiah?
- Why did Jesus come here?
- What happens when he leaves?



<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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."



<sup>35</sup> 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? <sup>36</sup> What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"



# One Really Big Answer



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- Who knows best about the Messiah and the law?



<sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> 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, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."









Hope



- Hope
- Purpose



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- Social Status



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- Comfort



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- Relationships



What about treasuring Jesus is challenging your heart and mind, right now?





• Scripture



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- The Church



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- Holy Spirit



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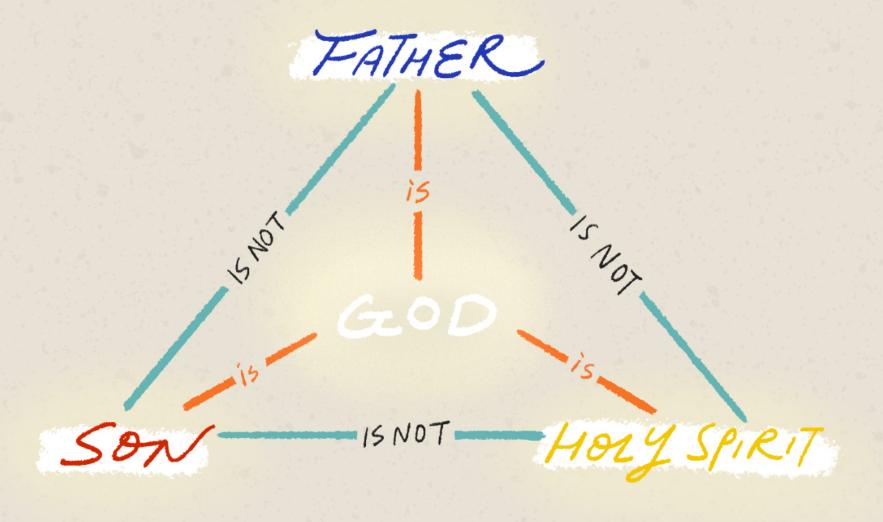


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- How do we receive the Holy Spirit?
  - Through Jesus, because he is the Messiah



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### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were <u>sealed</u> with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of <u>our inheritance</u> until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



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#### **1 Corinthians 1:12-13**

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.



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### **Galatians 5:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, selfcontrol; against such things there is no law.

- What do we get with the Holy Spirit?
  - God's mark on our lives and promise to save us
  - A guide for our minds
  - A guide for our hearts
  - Support in our challenges



#### Romans 8:26-27

<sup>26</sup> Likewise <u>the Spirit helps us in our weakness</u>. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but <u>the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words</u>. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because <u>the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God</u>.



### This week:



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 Tell someone what it was like make the decision to treasure Jesus



#### This week:

- Tell someone what it was like make the decision to treasure Jesus
- Ponder a different piece of the Spirit each day this week.

