

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness
Questions, Answers, and Dissension; John 7:14-52

Question: How does Jesus know so much?

John 7:14-15 But when it was now the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple area, and began to teach. The Jews then were astonished, saying, "How has this man become learned, not having been educated?"

Answer: His knowledge comes directly from God the Father, the One who sent Him

John 7:16-18 So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not My own, but His who sent Me. If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know about the teaching, whether it is of God, or I am speaking from Myself. The one who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

Luke 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.

Question: Why are the Jewish leaders trying to kill Jesus?

John 7:19-20 "Did Moses not give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why are you seeking to kill Me?" The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill You?"

Answer: Because 7 months ago Jesus healed the paralyzed man on the Sabbath

John 7:21-24 Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all are astonished. For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and even on a Sabbath you circumcise a man. If a man receives circumcision on a Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry at Me because I made an entire man well on a Sabbath? Do not judge by the outward appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Question: Is Jesus the Christ? If so, from where does He come?

John 7:25-27 So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this man not the one whom they are seeking to kill? And yet 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? However, we know where this man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."

John 7:40-42 Some of the people therefore, after they heard these words, were saying, "This truly is the Prophet." Others were saying, "This is the Christ." But others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not coming from Galilee, is He? Has the Scripture not said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

Answer: His real and ultimate origin for Jesus is from the heavenly realm because God the Father sent His one and only Son into the world.

John 7:28-30 Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. I do know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me." So they were seeking to arrest Him; and yet no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

Micah 5:2 But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His times of coming forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

Matthew 2:1-8 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:3-4 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 2:5-6 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; For from you will come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:7-8 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

Question: Jesus is going away where? Where is He going that the maddening crowd will never be able to go? Answer: Back to the presence of God the Father.

John 7:33-34 Therefore, Jesus said, "For a little while longer I am going to be with you, and then I am going to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."

John 7:35-36 The Jews then said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He does not intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, does He? What is this statement that He said, 'You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come'?"

John 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He said in reference to

the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Question: When Christ comes, could He possibly do more than Jesus has already done?

John 7:31 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 done, will He?"

Answer: Arrest that man!

John 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest Him.

Dissension among the ranks

John 7:43-44 So a dissension occurred in the crowd because of Him. And some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

John 7:45-46 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken in this way!"

John 7:47-49 The Pharisees then replied to them, "You have not been led astray too, have you? Not one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? But this crowd that does not know the Law is accursed!"

John 7:50-52 Nicodemus (the one who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, "Our Law does not judge the person unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?" They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee as well, are you? Examine the Scriptures, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."