



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### John 7:45-53 Study Hints for Discussion

[\*Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further\*](#) are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [\*Class Preparation Guide\*](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [\*Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout\*](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. Why did the temple police not arrest Jesus? Give at least two reasons.**

1. His hour had not yet come.
2. They said no one had ever spoken as Jesus did.

#### **2. What accusation did the Pharisees make against the temple police?**

They ridiculed the police and asked them if they had been deceived too (of course, they would have answered, No). The Pharisees thought that anyone who believed Jesus was deceived, but they could not disprove what Jesus taught; so, they resorted to personal attacks.

#### **3. What are some indications that the Pharisees were arrogant and proud?**

They said that no important person believed in Jesus (knowing they were important people in their own eyes). They accused those who believed in Jesus of not knowing the law (claiming that they did, of course). They called

those who believed in Jesus accursed (meaning they themselves were the blessed ones).

#### **4. Why do you think Nicodemus said what he did?**

As a Pharisee, he knew the law and did not want the Sanhedrin to violate the law by not giving Jesus a just hearing before judging Him. Perhaps more importantly, he was beginning to believe in Jesus, which he eventually did as we will learn. He may have known enough not to throw the pearls of truth that he was learning before swine (see Matthew 7:6).

#### **5. Give two examples of where the Pharisees were wrong.**

1. They were violating the law by judging Jesus before a just hearing.
2. They did not know enough of the Hebrew Scriptures to know that prophets did arise from Galilee; namely, Jonah and Hosea among others.

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