



## Enough Evidence to Believe in Jesus John 7:25-36

*Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not (John 7:28—KJV).*

*Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know” (John 7:28—NASB).*

*Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him” (John 7:28—NRSV).*

The crowds in Jerusalem debated whether Jesus was the Messiah. Because the authorities had not arrested Jesus, but allowed Him to teach openly in the temple, some thought the authorities really knew Jesus was the Messiah. Some thought that no one would know where the Messiah came from, while others thought Jesus came from Galilee and no prophet would ever come from Galilee. In response, Jesus settled the question. First, Jesus said they knew Him. Based on the evidence Jesus provided by His miracles and teachings from the Scriptures, they knew and should have believed He was the Son of God. But despite the evidence, they refused to believe Him or believe in Him. Second, based on Jesus' words

and deeds, they knew Jesus had come from God. Jesus spoke repeatedly about His Father in heaven and about their working together whenever He taught and healed someone. But the majority refused to believe Him. Third, Jesus said the Father who sent Him was true. Their Hebrew Scriptures taught the truth about the Messiah and the will of God for them and all people everywhere, but they refused to believe and instead believed falsehoods they had learned. If they had resolved to do the will of God, they would have known where Jesus came from, but few wanted to quit sinning to follow Jesus. Only after Jesus died on the cross, rose for the dead, and appeared to His disciples, did their testimony lead multitudes to believe in Him.

### **Thinking Further**

1. For what reasons did the religious authorities want to kill Jesus?
2. Why did the crowd think the authorities might believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
3. For what reason did Jesus say He came into our world?
4. Why did some in the crowd believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
5. Why did Jesus say some would search for Him but not find Him and they could not come where He was?

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