## SERIES: Gospel of John

#### **Time is Running Out**

John 7:32-36

#### The Attempted Arrest (7:32)

- Jesus intentionally speaks in cryptic language to conceal the truth as a form of divine judgment.
  - o They have hardened their hearts...
  - So Jesus will take away their <u>light</u>. (John 12:35-36)
- It was not Jesus who was in danger, but those who wanted to arrest Him!

#### The Aggressive Address (7:33-34)

- "I will be with you a little longer..."
  - He will not die according to the Pharisees' schemes.
  - He will die according to the Father's **schedule**.
- "I am going to Him who sent me..."
  - o This is a veiled reference to Jesus' resurrection.
  - o For Jesus, death is not the end.
    - Notice he does not say he is going to Heaven, but to <u>Him</u>.
    - Heaven is where the <u>Father</u> is.
- "You will seek me and you will not find me..."
  - This is a reference to after the **cross**.
  - o After Jesus died, they could not find his **body**.
- "And where I am going, you cannot come."
  - You cannot enter the kingdom of God while you remain in <u>unbelief</u>.
  - The longer you resist the truth, the more God will remove your <u>understanding</u>. (Matt. 12-13)
    - Sin will always make you stupid in spiritual things.
    - Hell is filled with **procrastinators**.

#### The Apathetic Answer (7:35-36)

- Truth #1- Religious arrogance leads to spiritual **ignorance**. (35)
  - o Jesus is not speaking of going to the **heathen**.
  - Jesus is speaking of going to <u>heaven</u>.
- Truth #2- You can repeat the words of Jesus but have **zero** understanding. (36)

### The Big Takeaway: Believe the Gospel While You Still Have Time

- **Tomorrow** is the Devil's day. (Proverbs 27:1; James 4:13-14)
- **Today** is God's day. (2 Corinthians 6:2; Isaiah 55:6)

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