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Jesus, in His own words / John 7:1–24

Background

The Festival of Shelters

1. Some people try to tell Jesus who He should be.

Some people think about what THEIR ideal savior would be like and try to get Jesus to be those things for them.

2. Some people's understanding of who Jesus is, is based on what they've heard from other's experiences, not their own.

There are many voices in the world

trying to tell us who Jesus is.

3. Jesus Himself tells us who He is.

Jesus says, “Listen to my teaching. If you truly want to follow God that means that you will obey Him. You can’t say you want to follow God and then ignore what God asks you to do.”

Jesus will always remain the person God called Him to be. We can’t change Him, and we can’t make him into someone we wish He’d be instead.

Jesus says, “If you are truly wanting to follow God, you will obey Him. And if you are truly a follower of God, you will know that what I say about myself and about God’s

kingdom and His purposes, all of that comes from God.”

The way to judge Jesus correctly, and know who He is, is to believe what He tells us about Himself.

A growing relationship with Jesus Christ is how we grow in our ability to know how to live our lives and make correct judgments about what we should do.