

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 7 PT. 3: Rivers of Living Water

John 7:37-53

Verse 37

John 7:37 (NASB) - “³⁷ 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.’”

Key: Jesus is referencing Himself as the offering; He is our Tabernacle!



Leviticus 23:36-37 (NASB) – “³⁶ For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall not do any laborious work. ³⁷ These are the appointed times of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to the LORD—burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, *each* day’s matter on its own day—”

John 1:14 (NASB) - "...the Word became flesh and **dwelt** [Greek-*skenoo*-**"tabernacled"**] among us..."

- G-d’s glory at one point dwelt in temporary tabernacles and temples.

- These OT tabernacles and temples were a type and shadow, a foreshadowing of Jesus.
- Jesus is the dwelling place for the Glory of the Father.
- When we accepted Salvation, we carry The Glory of G-d inside of us permanently.
- Jesus in us the Hope of Glory! (**Colossians 1:27**).

1 Corinthians 3:16 (AMP) – “¹⁶ Do you not know *and* understand that you [the church] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells [permanently] in you [collectively and individually].”

Verses 38-39

John 7:38-39 (NASB) – “³⁸ ‘The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, “From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.”’ ³⁹ 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.”



Note: Yeshua is stating that those who are saved now have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and working through us!

- Ruach Ha Kodesh (**Holy Spirit**) is the River of Life that sustains us.

- The very Spirit of G-d is on the inside of us.

Verse 40-41

People's Division over Jesus

John 7:40-41 (NASB) - “⁴⁰ Some of the people therefore, after they heard these words, were saying, ‘This truly is **the Prophet.**’ ⁴¹ Others were saying, ‘This is **the Christ.**’ But others were saying, ‘Surely the Christ is **not coming from Galilee**, is He?’”



James 1:8 (KJV) – “⁸ A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

Understanding: It does not matter what Jesus says, or His Word says, many people still will not receive Him.

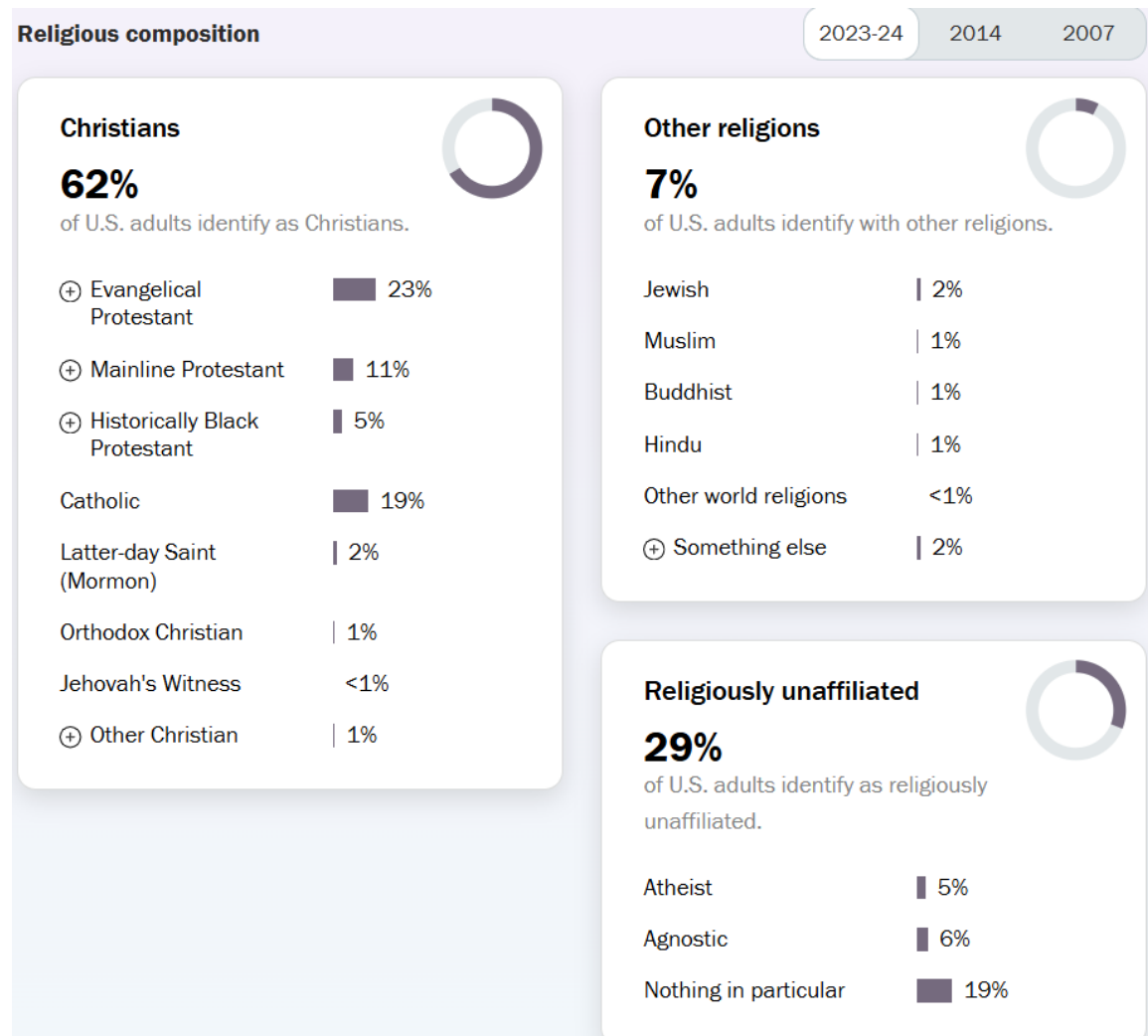
Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NASB) – “⁹ What has been, it is what will be, And what has been done, it is what will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.”

- People reject either all the teachings of Jesus or some of it.
- For over 2000 years people have been fighting over “What did Jesus say?” and “What did it mean?”.

Question: Why so much confusion and doublemindedness?

Answer: The Wisdom of Man.

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1 Corinthians 3:19 (AMP) – “¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness (absurdity, stupidity) before God; for it is written [in Scripture], ‘[He is] THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE *and* CLEVER IN THEIR CRAFTINESS;’”

YOUR GREATEST TEACHER WILL ALWAYS BE...HOLY SPIRIT!!!

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) – “¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Study-(Greek)-*spoudazo*- i.e. to make effort, be prompt or earnest.

1 John 2:27 (NASB) – “²⁷ And *as for* you, the anointing which you received from Him remains in you, and **you have no need for anyone to teach you**; but as His

anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you remain in Him.”

Verses 42-44

John 7:42-44 (NASB) - “⁴² ‘**Has the Scripture not said** that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?’ ⁴³ So a **dissension** occurred in the crowd because of Him. ⁴⁴ And some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.”



Dissension-(Greek)-*dichostasia*-which means "**standing apart**," "division," or "sedition". It comes from the words *dicha* (apart) and *stasis* (to stand or stand firm).

Note: This is the #1 tactic of the enemy, divide and conquer!

Biblically Accurate:

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth, a northern town in Galilee, according to the Gospels.
- **Isaiah 9:1-2** references Nazareth as, “Galilee of the Nations” where the Messiah will come from. This is Messianic Prophecy.

Verses 45-47

John 7:45-47 (NASB) - “⁴⁵ **The officers** then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, ‘Why did you not bring Him?’ ⁴⁶ **The officers answered**, ‘Never has a man spoken in this way!’ ⁴⁷ **The Pharisees** then replied to them, “You have not been led astray too, have you?”

Key: What they are really saying is, “You don’t believe the Word over what we say, do you?”

Verses 48-49

John 7:48-49 (NASB) - “⁴⁸ Not one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the Law is accursed!”

Note: They are looking down their nose at the unlearned when this is a benefit to them! Their hearts are open and have not been tainted by **religion that has no revelation!**

Understanding: Jesus needs His children to study but not just for head knowledge and argument’s sake, but to get a Revelation of the Word!

Nicodemus: The Best Example

Verses 50-51

John 7:50-51 (NASB) - “⁵⁰ Nicodemus (the one who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, ⁵¹ ‘Our Law does not judge the person unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?’”

Note: Nicodemus exposed the PRIDE in their hearts. “It’s not just your law, its “**Our Law**”. Never think what belongs to G-d is Yours!



- Nicodemus, a Pharisee and respected member of the Jewish council (Sanhedrin), secretly met Jesus at night.

- He acknowledged Jesus as a teacher sent by G-d because of the miracles He performed.
- He believed in Jesus, although he initially did so in secret due to fear of his high status as a religious leader.
- His belief became more public over time, leading him to defend Jesus and later help Joseph of Arimathea in burying Jesus's body after the crucifixion.

Verses 52-53

John 7:52-53 (NASB) - “⁵² 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.’ ⁵³ [[And everyone went to his home.”

Proverbs 16:18 (KJV) – “¹⁸ Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”

Key: Pride will cause you to turn against even Truth and it doesn’t matter who says it! Some people esteem their opinions and thoughts even above the Word of G-d! Selah.

The End