



# Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

## Judging Jesus Rightly

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### I. Jesus Judged Superficially by his Opponents (Jn. 7:14-15)

- A. Jesus taught in the Temple (v. 14)
- B. The Jewish religious elite openly demean & challenge Jesus (7:15; 6:42)

### II. Judging Rightly (Jn. 7:24)

- A. Stop judging according to outward appearances
- B. Judge according to righteous judgment

### III. Misunderstanding Jesus' Identity (Jn. 7:25-32, 40-42)

- A. The various misunderstandings
  1. The people of Jerusalem: Messiah's **origin must not be known** (7:25-27)
    - a) *"We know where this man is from"*
    - b) *"Messiah's origin is mysterious"*
    - c) The people missed Jesus' real origin (7:28)
  2. Some in the crowd: (Pilgrims) Messiah's **origin is known** (7:42; 2 Sam. 7:12; Mic. 5:2)
    - a) Judging by superficial appearance
    - b) *"Doesn't the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from David's offspring?"*
    - c) *"Doesn't the Scriptures say that the Messiah comes from Bethlehem, where David lived?"*
  3. Others in the crowd: The Messiah will do lots of signs (7:31)
    - a) *"When the Messiah comes, he won't perform more signs than this man, will he?"*
  4. The crowd at the Feast of Tabernacles was divided because of Jesus (7:43)
- B. It's a matter of life & death

#### **IV. The offer of Salvation (Jn. 7:37-39)**

- A. People's need must be met from a source outside of themselves
- B. Drink & Live – “Anyone”