

**I. WHY HAVE YE NOT BROUGHT HIM?**

- A. The religious rulers have set their officers to arrest Jesus Christ (vs. 32)
1. They hated Him for healing on the sabbath day
    - a. The previous feast Jesus had healed the impotent man
    - b. (Seems so long ago now) Ch. 5:8-10
      - i. Remember what Boaz said first? (The Lord be with you)
      - ii. Can tell a lot from the first thing out of a person's mouth
      - iii. The first thing that occurred to them to say
      - iv. No praise for God for the healing
      - v. Just – it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed...
    - c. They had confronted Jesus
      - i. And they begin to try to slay Him from that point
      - ii. He told them, "You expect God to work on the Sabbath"
      - iii. My Father worketh hitherto and I work
      - iv. It's only natural
      - v. John 10:30 – "I and my Father are one."
  2. They never stopped hating Him
    - a. John 7:1 – Sought to kill Him
      - i. Passover to Feast of the Tabernacles
      - ii. It's about 25 weeks between the two – 177 days
      - iii. They had not let their anger cool
    - b. Called Him a deceiver and besmirched His character (7:11 -12)
    - c. They said He had a devil (7:20)
  3. They tried to take Him in 7:30
    - a. But no man laid hands on Him
    - b. Now they've sent their officers to collect Him
    - c. But He stopped them (not by fighting) but by SPEAKING
    - d. And we know that the words He says are the Words of God
    - e. There was something about the Words of Jesus
      - i. They tried to arrest Him
      - ii. But His WORDS arrested THEM!
- B. Now the officers slinked back to their masters
1. Confused and empty handed
    - a. You have to imagine that they were looking at each other
    - b. "You tell them"
    - c. What are we going to say? We were there and we can't explain it
  2. The question came
    - a. As they knew it would
    - b. Why have ye not brought Him?
    - c. You had ONE job

3. They could only answer with the truth (vs. 46)
    - a. NEVER man spake like this man
    - b. We went there to do our duty. With one purpose in mind
    - c. And when He spoke, that one purpose never **CROSSED** our mind
    - d. We were helpless before Him!
- C. Never man spake like this man
1. There have been great speeches made in this world
    - a. Winston Churchill, President Reagan, Abraham Lincoln
    - b. Shakespeare's Henry V, fictional or not, who doesn't get revved up when the King at Agincourt says "We few, we happy few..."
    - c. And yet none spake like **THIS** man
    - d. John 18:4 – "Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? (5) They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. (6) As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground."
  2. How did this man speak?
    - a. When girl died in Mark 5, they laughed Him to scorn
      - i. He said she is not dead but sleepeth
      - ii. But then He **SPAKE!**
      - iii. Mark 5:41 – "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise."
    - b. When His friend died in Bethany in John 11
      - i. They thought Him cruel for not going earlier
      - ii. But then He **SPAKE!**
      - iii. John 11:43 – "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."
    - c. They hung Him on a cruel cross in John 19
      - i. And they mocked Him
      - ii. But then He **SPAKE!**
      - iii. John 19:30 – "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."
  3. He is the one that spake this **WORLD** into being
    - a. Psalm 148:5 – "Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created."
    - b. Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (3) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

4. Why have ye not brought Him? Because NEVER man spake like this man!

## II. ARE YE ALSO DECEIVED?

### A. They called Jesus a deceiver without a charge of deception

1. 5000 men ate bread in chapter 6
  - a. Maybe 20,000 people ate their fill
  - b. AS MUCH AS THEY WOULD
  - c. No one left hungry, in fact they all chased Him down
  - d. Hoping to be fed again! Did He deceive them?
  - e. Their bellies told the truth!
2. Twelve disciples saw Him walk on the water
  - a. And one of them was Judas Iscariot!
  - b. One of them even asked to walk on the water with Him
  - c. Did He deceive them?
3. Jesus healed a man infirm for 38 years
  - a. Everyone had walked past that man
  - b. Now everyone could see him up and walking!
  - c. Had Jesus deceived that man into being able to walk?
  - d. Had Jesus deceived them all to see that man walking?

### B. Spirit of Delusion

1. 2 Thessalonians 2:10 – “And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
2. That is speaking specifically about those left behind after the rapture of the saints (not the church)
3. But in this case it fits these religious leaders
4. They were DECEIVED but not by Jesus
  - a. They had believed the lie of the devil
  - b. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own
  - c. Why? For he is a liar and the father of it!

### C. Atheists

1. I have read many lists claiming to 1001 “contradictions” in the Bible
  - a. And not a one made any sense
  - b. All out of context or purposeful misunderstandings
  - c. I’m not scared of anything in this book
2. How many atheists earnestly read books on Christian evidences?

### D. Where they also deceived? No, they had looked Truth in the face!

### III. HAVE ANY OF THE RULERS BELIEVED? (VS. 48)

#### A. And then they display their attitude toward the people (vs. 49)

1. This is a classic logical flaw
  - a. There is the excluded middle or false dichotomy
  - b. There is the non-sequitur (it does not follow)
  - c. Appeal to authority
    - i. They were appealing to their own authority
    - ii. Have any of the EXPERTS believed on Him?
2. This is the error of the Nicolaitans
  - a. Revelation 2:15 (Church of Pergamos) – “So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”
    - i. John was involved three times when these mentioned
    - ii. Revelation, in John 7 and once very personally
    - iii. 3 John 1:9 – “I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.”
  - b. Meanings
    - i. Nicolaitans
      - i. Nico means “victory”
      - ii. Laity means “non-priestly” class (and I don’t believe that word should be used in Baptist circles, btw)
      - iii. Victory OVER the people
    - ii. Nicodemus
      - i. Nico still means victory
      - ii. But demus means for the people
      - iii. Ironic comparison here in John 7
    - iii. Not victory OVER the people but victory FOR the people
  - c. The story of Nicodemus
    - i. This same Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night in Ch. 3
    - ii. Defended Him by the Law here in Ch. 7
    - iii. John 19:38 – “And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. (39) And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. (40) Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.”
  - d. Had any of the rulers believed? Yes, at least one!

#### **IV. ART THOU ALSO OF GALILEE? (VS. 52)**

- A. Galileans were considered poor dumb country bumpkins – AT BEST
  - 1. Unlearned and dirty and of low morals as a matter of course
  - 2. Remember they bad-mouthed the people for not knowing law?
    - a. Men lie
    - b. Men are mistaken
- B. Had any prophet come from Galilee?
  - 1. Perhaps they forgot Jonah (from Gath-Hepher)?
  - 2. Maybe Nahum?
- C. Had prophets come from Galilee? More than one.

#### **V. DOTH OUR LAW JUDGE ANY MAN? (VS. 51)**

- A. Nicodemus invites them to investigate Jesus more closely
  - 1. Get the facts before you judge
  - 2. Isaiah 1:18 – “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”
- B. The soldiers testified that NEVER man spake like this man
- C. We must also “hear” His words
  - 1. The same God that spoke the words, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
  - 2. Also spoke the words, “...I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”
  - 3. Listen to His Words, today
  - 4. Four questions with wrong answers, asked by men without God
  - 5. One question inviting us all to find out more
- D. Be Saved – Come to the One who Spoke Like No One Else Could
- E. And you will find that He SAVES like NO ONE ELSE CAN!