

“Jesus: Incomparable Courage”

John 7:14-24

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In John 7:14-24, Jesus teaches publicly during the Feast of Tabernacles in the Temple. He teaches authoritatively and courageously despite critics in the audience who want to kill Him. In this exchange He rebuffs His enemies, who speak from their own agenda, by declaring God’s agenda which validates Jesus’ ministry.

1. The source of His knowledge validated His ministry—God the Father (7:14-16)

“My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me” (16)

2. His selfless motives validated His ministry—

God’s glory (7:17-18)

“He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him” (18)

3. Scriptural authority validated His ministry—the Old Testament (7:19-20)

“Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law?” (19)

“the Scriptures...testify about Me” (John 5:39)

4. The signs He performed validated His ministry—incomparable miracles (7:21-24)

“Jesus answered them, ‘I did one deed and you all marvel...are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath?’ ” (21, 23)

“Nicodemus... said to Him...‘Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him’ ” (3:1-2)

“the Jews were persecuting Jesus because He was doing these things on the Sabbath” (5:16)