

“Reactions to Jesus”

John 7:25-36

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“Jesus...asked...who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (Matthew 16:13)

“Who is Jesus?” That is the most important question in the world. Jesus asked it many times during His ministry. It always provoked a disparity of reactions from the masses. It still does today. In John 7:25-36 there were four different reactions to that question. Who do *you* think Jesus is?

1. The Ignorant: Jesus’ teaching will expose the

ignorant thinking of the uninformed (7:25-30)

“we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where he is from” (27)

2. The Faithful: Jesus’ teaching will create faith

among those who receive Him (7:31)

“But many of the multitude believed in Him” (31)

“faith comes by hearing...the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

“as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12)

3. The Deceivers: Jesus’ teaching will provoke anger among those who fear Him (7:32-34)

“The Pharisees heard the multitude muttering [whispering, murmuring] these things about Him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize [arrest] Him” (32)

“woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in...you make [a person] twice as much a son of hell as yourselves... You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell?” (Matthew 23:13, 15, 33)

4. The Deceived: Jesus’ teaching will confuse

those who are spiritually deceived (7:35-36)

“The Jews therefore said to one another, ‘Where does this man intend to go that we shall not find Him? ...What is this statement that He said...?’ ”