

“What Will You Do with Jesus?” (John 7:1-31)

When Jesus walked this earth, people responded to Him in many different ways. That was true in Jesus’ day, and it’s true in our day as well. Let’s consider some different ways we can respond to Jesus today.

» The _____ sought to kill Him (v. 1).

» His _____ mocked Him (vv. 2-9).

» The _____ muttered about Him (vv. 10-24)

- “He is a good man.”
- “He is leading people astray.”
- “He is an unlearned man.”
- “He has a demon.”

» But _____ believed in Him (vv. 25-31).

What will YOU do with Jesus?

Going Deeper with God

1. What are some different ways you’ve seen people respond to Jesus in the past when they’ve encountered Him via outreaches, evangelism, etc.?

2. How have you personally responded to Him in your past? Did you ever have a period when you resisted, avoided or fought against Him? If so, why did you do so?

3. Why do you think the Jews were so motivated to try and kill Jesus (v. 1)?

4. Have you ever faced persecution in living as a follower of Jesus Christ? If so, what form did it take? What counsel does Jesus give on the difficult issue of persecution in John 15:18 and Matthew 5:10-13?

5. What are some ways you see Jesus’ family mocking Him in vv. 2-5 ... and how did Jesus respond to it in vv. 6-9?

6. Similarly, have you ever faced persecution from a family member since choosing to become a follower of Christ? What helpful counsel does Jesus give on this painful subject in Matthew 10:29-30, 34-39?

7. Take time to consider some ways the crowd muttered about Jesus in the following verses. Have you seen people mutter similarly in our day?

- “He is a good man.” (v. 12b)
- “He is leading people astray.” (v. 12c)
- “He is an unlearned man.” (v. 15)
- “He has a demon.” (v. 20)

8. What pathway do you see those who came to believe in Christ going down in vv. 25-31? Have you gone down a similar path in your life?

What have you done – or will you do – with Jesus?