



Last week, in the first part of John 7 we saw that three different groups of people were confused about Jesus. As we continue in John 7, we're going to see that Jesus' teaching hasn't cleared up the confusion. As we go through our passage today, keep your eyes open for Jesus' interactions with three groups of people - the crowd, the guards, and the Pharisees. We're going to see how each of these groups' confusion creates more confusion. Yet, amid their confusion, hope arises as many come to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

1. "It's all Greek to me!" is a common phrase when we don't understand something. Share about a time in your life when you had a hard time comprehending something you needed to learn. How did this situation play out?
2. **Read John 7:25-31.** The crowd asks three different questions concerning Jesus. The questions show us the crowd has a desire to learn about Jesus. Which one of these questions resonates most with you?
3. In **John 7:31** we read about a great result of Jesus' teaching. There are several times in Scripture when many believe. **Read Acts 2:41 and 9:31.** What would it look like to see those you've been praying for come to Jesus this week?
4. The Pharisees were intent on arresting Jesus. **Read John 7:32-36.** Jesus came to tilt our chin toward heaven and keep us focused on spiritual matters. Share a time in your life when you got fixated on the physical world and missed the spiritual.
5. **Read John 7:37-39.** Water was an important part of the Festival of Tabernacles. For Jesus to say that He would offer rivers of living water would be impressive! In what ways have you been drinking of the world? How could you drink from the rivers of Jesus instead?
6. Jesus promised an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament the Spirit would come on people for a time, event, or occasion, but Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to us. **Read John 14:16, 26, 15:26-27, and 16:7.** What do these passages teach us about the Holy Spirit?
7. Near the end of the chapter, Nicodemus emerges as a voice of reason. **Read John 7:50-51.** Who is a voice of reason in your life or someone who constantly keeps you focused on the truth of God in a confusing world?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for an opportunity to share the hope of Christ with someone.