

# Simply Jesus | Simply Come

John 7:1-52, 1  
Corinthians 10:4

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## I. Introduction:

*14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign.  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and  
shall call His name Immanuel.*

—Isaiah 7:14

*1 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go  
about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill  
Him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.*

—John 7:1-2

What we believe about Jesus matters...

...is he liar, lunatic or Lord? (John 7:12, 20, 31)

*12 And there was much muttering about Him among the  
people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said,  
"No, He is leading the people astray."*

—John 7:12

*20 The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is  
seeking to kill You?"*

—John 7:20

*31 Yet many of the people believed in Him. They said,  
"When the Christ appears, will He do more signs than this  
man has done?"*

—John 7:31

## II. The Coming of Jesus:

1. Jesus simply comes into the midst of our reality:

- Past events, present struggles and future hopes.

*37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"*

—John 7:37-38

2. Jesus simply comes to offer an invitation:

- It's open to all and it's the offer of abundant life. (John 7:37-38)

*44 Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.*

—John 7:44

*41 Others said, "This is the Christ."...*

—John 7:41a

3. Jesus simply comes and awaits our response:

- Our only options are to reject him or accept him. (John 7:44, 41)

### III. Conclusion:

*...For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.*

—1 Corinthians 10:4b

What we believe about Jesus matters... (1 Corinthians 10:4)

...but how we respond to Jesus matters more.

## Study Questions

1. Read John 7:1-52. What are your impressions of the passage as a whole? In what ways do these verses remind you of today's culture? How might what John records here help you to more

effectively pray for and engage those around you? Take some time to pray for specific people you know who don't yet believe in Jesus as Lord.

2. What are some past events, present struggles and future hopes that define your reality? How would you know if you were focused so much on changing your reality that you were in danger of missing Jesus in the midst of your reality? What would it look like to more fully embrace the presence of Jesus in your here and now?
3. Read John 7:37-38 again. What is your reaction to the invitation Jesus offers? Are you ever tempted to think of yourself as excluded from it? If so, why do you think that is? Now read Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah 55:1, Zechariah 13:1 and Zechariah 14:8. In what ways are these prophecies an encouragement to you regarding the life that Jesus offers?
4. Do you agree with the statement "What we believe about Jesus matters but how we respond to Jesus matters more"? Why, or why not? In what ways can your response to Jesus "for all time" be different from your response in a given "moment in time"? What is one area in which you're currently struggling to fully accept Jesus? If you're with a group, take some time to pray for one another about these things.