

ANSWER SHEET

A Study of the Gospel according to John Session 13 – Responses to the Revelation Read: John 7:1 – 31

Chapter 7 is a brief pause in the revelation of who Jesus is. Chapter 7 shows the reactions of various groups to the revelations and claims of Jesus.

1. The first reaction or response to Jesus came from his half-brothers. Who were they? (Read Matthew 13:55 – 56). What was their reaction and attitude toward Jesus?

The half-brothers were James, Joses, Simon, and Judas.

Their reactions and attitudes were one of extreme concern and embarrassment. His claims to be the Son of God embarrassed them immensely and led to think that he was beside Himself, that is, mad or insane.

2. The brothers, of course, knew the rumors about the leaders seeking to kill Jesus. What is the meaning in the conversation as you read verses 3 – 5?

The whole scene is one of mockery and unbelief. They were tolerating Him through sarcasm, through a half-amused teasing. They entertained themselves by goading Him on and by treating Him with an amused disrespect; and unfortunately, their disrespect and teasing were open for all to see.

3. What was Jesus' reply to the mockery, ridicule, sarcasm, and unbelief? (Read verses 6 – 9)

Jesus' response was three-fold.

- a. It was not time (the day) for His approval or praise, not time for the world to accept and acknowledge His claims and works, not yet.
- b. It is time for the world's works to be proclaimed evil. Christ said "It is time for the world's reaction against me, not time for its acceptance.
- c. It is not time for Jesus' full revelation. Note the words "full come" or "fully come." His predestined hour to die for the world was not to be, not yet.

4. The second reaction or response to Jesus came from the Jewish crowds, including both religionists and pilgrims. Read verses 11 – 15. What are the false beliefs about Jesus?

- a. Only a good man
- b. A Deceiver
- c. A man not important enough to defend.
- d. A man unaccredited

5. Jesus said a person can actually test His claim. There is the objective test, the outward or observation test. How can a person look at Christ and observe and see the truth?
(Read verses 16 – 18)

Jesus did not seek to glorify Himself, but God.

Jesus was not claiming to tell the truth; He was claiming to be the truth.

Jesus claimed that there was no unrighteousness in Him.

6. The third reaction or response to Jesus came from all the people – the pilgrims and the local residents of Jerusalem. The pilgrims were the people who did not know Jesus very well. They had come from all over the world; therefore, they did not know as much about Jesus. In reading verses 20 – 24, what are saying about Jesus and what He is opposed to?

They are saying He is demon-possessed and mad or insane.

They are saying he is opposed to:

- The religious establishment
- The religious leaders
- The religion that had proven itself for generations
- The religion that contributed so much to society and the nation
- The religion that was founded by the forefathers, the most godly leaders of history.

7. The local people came to a tragic conclusion: Jesus is not the Messiah. Why was this their assumption?

Because they thought they knew His origin. They knew all about His family and how he was raised, so they concluded that he was a mere man, a carpenter from Nazareth. In their minds there was absolutely nothing unusual about His origin. So, He could not possibly be of God. He could not be the promised Messiah.

They held on to the tradition that the Messiah would simply appear. This tradition ignored the Scriptures that clearly predicted the Messiah's birthplace (Micah 5:2).

8. Jesus' reply to those who questioned and disbelieved Him is a critical point. What are at least three things He cried or shouted out to them?

He is a man, and men do know where He came from. He was born of Mary and did come from Nazareth, but that is not all.

He has come from God. God sent Him.

“I have not come of Myself.”

“He who sent Me is true.”

“You do not know Him.”

“I know Him (God),” Jesus said He knew God because HE was from God. HE knew God because He was sent by God.