

ANSWER SHEET

A Study of the Gospel according to John Session 14 – Claim and Divided Opinions Read: John 7:32 – 53

The fourth reaction or response to Jesus is that of the authorities, both religious and civil. They paint a clear picture of humankind in every generation who reject and oppose Jesus.

1. What disturbed the religionist so much? Why was this an issue to them?

What – It was the murmuring of the people, in particular the fact that so many were believing in Jesus.

Why – Jesus was a threat to their security and position, esteem and authority, profession, and livelihood. They wanted nothing to do with Him. They wanted things to be left alone. They wanted to get rid of Jesus as soon as possible.

2. Read verses 33 – 34. What do these verses foretell about Jesus' destiny?

Jesus foretold His death: "I shall be with you a little while longer."

Jesus foretold His resurrection and ascension: "and then I go to Him who sent Me."

3. Why did Jesus predict His destiny of death and resurrection to those who opposed Him or wanted nothing to do with Him?

- He was saying that those who opposed Him could get rid of Him. They could reject and have nothing to do with Him. They did not have to worry about getting rid of Him, they would be allowed to do that. He would go away.
- He was saying, however, that He would not cease to be; He would not be annihilated and cease to exist. His life would not be extinguished. He would be killed because men would try to stop Him from living as a man on earth. But He would arise and return to His Father who sent Him. He would experience glory and give great hope to all those who believed and do believe in Him.

4. What did Jesus predict about the future for those who opposed Him and wanted nothing to do with Him.

They shall seek Him, but they will not find Him.

In the next life, at the day of judgment, the unbeliever will seek Christ.

However, the great tragedy is that the unbeliever will not find Christ. It will be too late. The unbeliever has never known Christ nor what it is to walk in the Lord's kingdom on earth; therefore, he will not know Christ or His kingdom in that day.

Unbelievers will not be allowed to come where He is, that is, live eternally in God's presence.

5. What are the phenomenal claims Jesus made in verses 37- 39?

Jesus Christ is the source of life.

Jesus Christ is the source of abundant life.

Jesus Christ is the source of the Holy Spirit.

6. What was the divided response of the people about Jesus? (Read verses 40 – 44)

Some said He was a Prophet.

Some said He was the Christ.

Some questioned if He could be the Messiah because they knew He was from Galilee, and they knew the true Messiah was to come out of Bethlehem, the city of David. They saw no possible way He could be the Messiah, the Christ.

7. What was the response of the rulers and leaders? (Read verses 45 – 53)

The leaders wished to be rid of Jesus.

The leaders claimed He was a deceiver.

The leaders very strongly rejected Him.

The leaders went to their own houses and lived just as they had always chosen.

Bonus Bible scholar question.

The Pharisees and religious leaders said that no Scripture pointed to a prophet coming out of Galilee. Is this right or wrong?

Wrong. Jonah, Nahum, Hosea, Elijah and Jesus came from Galilee.

God is able to raise up prophets from anywhere He chooses.