

WRONG RESPONSES
TO JESUS
John 7:25-36

I. The Locals Contemplating What's True

John 7:1, 19-20

parrēsia – courage, boldness, confidence, without ambiguity; publicly, openly

Isaiah 50:7-9

Acts 4:13, 29-31

Ephesians 6:19-20

II. Blinded by what they “Knew”

John 1:44-45

Luke 2:1-7

Micah 5:2

Matthew 2:1-6

Malachi 3:1

“Three things come unexpectedly to a person: Moshiach, a found object, and a scorpion.” – (Sanhedrin 97a)

III. They did not Know God

krázō – to shout, to cry out, to scream; often indicating a harsh sounding utterance.

John 5:16-17, 24, 30, 37-38, 7:16

IV. Jesus' Hour had not Yet Come

Matthew 2:7-15

Luke 4:16, 20-22, 28-30

John 8:57-59, 10:31-39

John 12:23-28

Isaiah 46:10

Daniel 4:35

V. Many Common People Believed

John 4:45-48

VI. The Jews have had Enough

piazō – to seize, to capture, to arrest

Closing Thought: The responses to Jesus vary from the different groups we see in Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles. Some are blinded by what they “know”, others believe in the earthly Moshiach that would care for their temporal needs, and still others wanted Him dead because He challenged their religious power. Beloved, this is what we face when we evangelize. Rejection because of what people “know”, rejection because they are looking for a different God, and rejection because the Truth challenges their religion. For those who have yet to believe on Christ, what is your reason?