

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* The Gospel according to John: A presentation of Jesus as the Son of God who became the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.
- \* Over the past five weeks: we have seen Jesus ...
  - Heal the Official's Son from a Distance ... revealing His authority over illnesses
  - Heal the Lame Man at the Pool of Bethesda - on the Sabbath ... revealing His authority over infirmities and the Sabbath
  - Jesus declared His authority over death, judgment, the resurrection, and the distribution of eternal life
  - Feed 5,000+ people with five loaves of bread and two fish ... revealing His power over material substance
  - Walk on water in a storm - revealing His power over nature
  - Transport the disciples and their boat to the other side of the lake - revealing His power over time and matter!
  - Declare that He was the Bread of Life - greater than Manna - and was God's provision for our salvation.
- \* Today, we see the effect that these events and teaching were having on the populace ... and even in His own family! And, we have to ask the question, "How do we deal with events and Scriptures which do not seem to make sense?"

**INSTRUCTION****I. HIS CONFRONTATION WITH HIS BROTHERS IN GALILEE (v. 1-10)****A. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of the Situation (v. 1-2)****B. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of His Brothers (v. 3-5)**

1. THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF THEIR CONTEMPT - THEIR A\_\_\_\_\_

2. THE B\_\_\_\_\_ OF THEIR CONTEMPT - THEIR U\_\_\_\_\_

**C. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (v. 6-10)**

1. THE R\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORLD'S HATRED (v. 6-7)

2. THE S\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS MANIFESTATION (v. 6, 8-10; cf. 7:30)

**II. HIS CONFRONTATION WITH THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM (v. 11-24)****A. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Crowd (v. 11-15)**

1. WITH HIS AUTHENTICITY (v. 11-13)

2. WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING (v. 14-15)

**B. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (v. 16-24)**

1. REGARDING HIS T\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-18)

a. The F\_\_\_\_\_ of His Teaching (v. 16)

b. The V\_\_\_\_\_ of His Teaching (v. 17-18; cf. John 8:31-32, 43, 47; Psalm 25:9,12,14; Hebrews 11:6)

2. REGARDING HIS H\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-24)

a. His A\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-20)

b. His E\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21-23)

c. His S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24)

## **INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
  
- \* CONSIDERING THE REACTION OF JESUS' BROTHERS ... ARE YOU AN ARROGANT INDIVIDUAL?
  
- \* CONSIDERING THE CROWDS ... HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH THINGS THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IN GOD'S WORD?
  
- \* ARE YOU DESIRING - THE DESIRES OF GOD? DO YOU WILL TO KNOW HIS WILL?
  
- \* WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO, IN ORDER TO FIND OUT GOD'S WILL?
  - WILL YOU COMMIT TO SPENDING MORE TIME IN HIS WORD AND IN HIS PRESENCE?
  - WILL YOU COMMIT TO DENYING YOURSELF?
  
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## **INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How should we deal with situations, and even Biblical passages, which do not seem to make sense to us?