# An Apologetic to Confusion

John 7:25-31

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1 Timothy 1:13, 14.The GREAT thinker Paul didn’t initially believe.

* Paul describes himself in 1 Timothy 1:13b, 14 – [13b] **But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,** [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
* *He acted ignorantly about Christ as Lord.*

*Why are PEOPLE so CONFUSED? If Jesus is God. If he Offers Salvation?*

* Paul explains the spiritual reason for the confusion over the GOSPEL.
* 2 Corinthians 4:3 – [3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4] In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
* Paul says… the god of this world [SATAN]… “has blinded the minds of the unbelievers.”

## Confusion (v.25, 26)

Most people NEVER investigate the FACTS for themselves. Most just presume on what they are told by others. So they stay in a state of conversion.

John 7:25 – [25] Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?

* These are the PEOPLE of JERUSALEM. John distinguishes them from the crowd in general… these are the residents of Jerusalem.
* These would have been people who witnessed many of Jesus’s miracles.
* *But they refuse to think for themselves.*
* They defer to the RELIGIOUS EXPERTS.
* ‘Is not this the man that the SANHEDRIN…. Desires to eliminate?’

John 7:26 – [26] “And here he is, speaking openly and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?

* He’s not HIDING His identity. It’s right there in the OPEN.
* Psalm 40:9 – [9] I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great Congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
* JESUS BOLDLY declares the TRUTH – but most of the PEOPLE… are simply asking – what do the authorities think?

This is part of SATAN’s blindness. You don’t simply believe the claims of JESUS.

* The PROBLEM: The INTELLECTUAL ELITES are MORE BLIND than ANYONE ELSE.

John 7:27 – [27] “But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”

* There was a legend at the TIME… *that no one would KNOW the origin of the MESSIAH. That the Messiah would just appear.*
* *Even though Micah prophesied* in Micah 5:2 that He would be born in Bethlehem.
* These PEOPLE make ASSUMPTIONS without ALL the FACTS.
* *They assume that the LORD cannot be the CHRIST because they know that He’s from Nazareth. Apparently many didn’t realize he was born in Bethlehem*
	+ They thought that they had JESUS figured out.
	+ John 6:42 – [42] They said, “is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, who father and mother we know? How does he now say that He comes down from Heaven?”
	+ Matthe2 13:55 – [55] Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? Are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

## Correction (v. 28)

Jesus brings CORRECTION to their CONFUSION. Often this is what is needed. Is *a VOICE of REASON in the CONFUSION*. A CORRECTION.

John 7:28 – [28] So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple,

* Jesus PROCLAIMS… He SHOUTS the TRUTH. It’s Not being HIDDEN.
* He corrects all these false CLAIMS?

 “You know me, and you know where I come from.

* There should be a question MARK after from.
* Jesus is saying – “You think you know Me. You think you know where I come from?”

But I have not come of my own accord. Jesus gives this correction. He has been SENT. HE has not come on His own accord.

* But there was a DIVINE counsel within the godhead to send the SON on a rescue mission into the WORLD.
* He’s UNDER ORDERS. FROM GOD.
	+ John 3:17 – [17]For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
	+ 1 John 4:9 – [9] In this the love of God was made manifest to us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.
	+ 1 John 4:14 – [14] And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.
	+ JESUS as the SON has COME on a RESCUE MISSION.

He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.”

* God is TRUE. JESUS’s TRUST is in the CHARACTER of GOD.
* GOD is TRUE. *God is true regardless of who believes it.*
* Romans 3:4 – [4] Let God be true and every man a liar!
* 2 Timothy 2:13 – [13] if we are faithless, he remains faithful…

Jesus’s confidence is in the CHARACTER of GOD and the divine MISSION.

## Communion (v. 29)

There is a CLARITY that comes from intimate KNOWLEDGE.

John 7:29 – [29] “I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”

* I know him. *Oida* – Know; Understand… have a Knowledge of UNDERSTANDING.
* This is a KNOWLEDGE of INTIMACY. Communion.
* JESUS claims to understand GOD in this intimate way.
	+ Jesus says in John 8:55 – [55] But you have not known him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you but I do know Him and I keep His Word.
	+ Jesus says in John 17:25 – [25] O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know you that have sent Me.
* *To truly be SAVED, you must have this KNOWLEDGE of GOD.*
	+ John 17:3 – [3] “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”
	+ John 8:19 – [19] They said to Him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.
	+ Saving FAITH is KNOWING CHRIST and the FATHER with this KNOWLEDGE. It’s a package deal.
	+ NO ONE ELSE has revealed GOD.
		- John 1:18 – [18] No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.
* You cannot claim to KNOW God the FATHER, if you do not have an intimate KNOWLEDGE of the SON.

**How do you GAIN this KNOWLEDGE**? CHRIST must CONFRONT you. Christ MUST REVEAL HIMSELF YOU. The SOVEREIGNTY of CHRIST.

* Where *Christ confronts you*.
* God the HOLY SPIRIT must interrupt your LIFE.
* Matthew 11:27 – [27] All things, have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
* This is how YOUR BLINDNESS is removed.
* The KNOWLEDGE of CHRIST is given as LIGHT to YOUR HEART.
* That’s why we say SALVATION is *MONERGISTIC.*
	+ Monergistic – ONE HANDED.
	+ Salvation is GOD coming down and SHINING a LIGHT into the DARK CAVE… the LIGHT of CHRIST.
	+ CHRIST MUST reach DOWN. Rock YOUR WORLD. REMOVE THE VEIL. So that You see Him and His Work in its glory.
* 2 Corinthians 4:6 – [6] For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
* This COMMUNION with GOD brings CLARITY.

## Confounded (V. 30)

The JEWS… are DOING everything they can to ARREST HIM. NO. *Zeteo*… They are going AFTER HIM.

John 7:30 – [30] So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

* It is impossible for them to even TOUCH HIM until His divine hour has come.
* This refers to the PROVIDENTIAL plan of GOD. God’s plan was for the Son of God to be crucified at PASSOVER. In 6 months.
* So you cannot thwart the SOVEREIGN PLAN of GOD.
* Acts 2:23 – [23] “this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God…”
* Acts 4:27, 28 – [27] “for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, [28] to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.”
* Jesus’s death would only take place according to the divine timetable.
	+ Proverbs 21:31 – [31] The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord.
	+ Proverbs 19:21 – [21] Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it the purpose of the LORD that will stand.
* God simply NEGATES the plans of the JEWS.

John 7:31 – [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?”

* Some were able to see the TRUTH as it really is.
* They were logically able to deduce from the SIGNS that Jesus was Savior.