

Problem: Christianese video

we often feel saved by our associations - if we are a part of a group of saved people we feel that makes us a part of those people and hence we start feeling saved.

we are not saved by Christianity - we are saved by Christ

CPT:

John contrasts the corporate unbelief of the chosen people to highlight the individual belief of the chosen persons

Text:**The Jews (at the start of the feast)**

John 7:11 **The Jews** were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?"

John 7:12 And there was **much muttering** about him among **the people**. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is **leading the people astray.**"

John 7:13 Yet **for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.**

(11) the Jews - Jerusalem crew - 7:25

The jews - (matt 5x/mark 6x/luke 4x) all neutral - John 67x many negative

John 5:18; 7:1; 9:22; 10:31; 11:54; 18:36; 19:7, 12, 14, 21, 31, 38; 20:19

(12) the people =the crowd - same word - Galilee crew - not jerusalemmites - visitors for feast -7:52

The Crowd (at the middle of the feast)

John 7:14 ¶ About **the middle of the feast** Jesus went up into the temple and **began teaching. (first time in Jerusalem)**

John 7:15 **The Jews therefore marveled**, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"

John 7:16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

John 7:17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

John 7:18 The one who speaks on his own **authority** seeks his own **glory**; but the one who seeks the **glory** of him who sent him is **true**, and in him there is no falsehood.

John 7:19 Has not Moses given you the law? **Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"**

John 7:20 **The crowd answered**, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?"

John 7:21 **Jesus answered** them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it.

John 7:22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

John 7:23 If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? **(you can hurt but i cannot heal?)**

John 7:24 Do not judge by appearances, but **judge with right judgment.**"

John 7:25 ¶ Some of the **people of Jerusalem** therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?"

John 7:26 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?

John 7:27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from."

John 7:28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.

John 7:29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."

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

John 7:31 Yet **many of the people believed in him.** They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

John 7:32 ¶ The Pharisees heard **the crowd muttering** these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

John 7:33 Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me.

John 7:34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." **(contrast Jn 14:3)**

John 7:35 **The Jews** said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

John 7:36 What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

(17) the will of man - John 6:44, 63, 65 - born of God

(31)- many believed or did they - John 8:30-32, 39-44 (of your father) —> 2:23-25 (what was in man); they -the crowd- eventually did not believe - John 12:34-38

mark 15:11-15 - the crowd followed the Jewish leaders in the end

who led who astray ? Jn 7:12 (let not many of you desire to be teachers)

(34) contrast 14:3 - the crowd vs the chosen

The Individual (on the last day of the feast)

John 7:37 ¶ **On the last day of the feast**, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "**If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.**

John 7:38 **Whoever** believes in me, **as the Scripture has said**, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 7:39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom **those who believed in him were to receive**, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:40 ¶ When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet."

John 7:41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?"

John 7:42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

John 7:43 **So there was a division among the people over him.**

John 7:44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

John 7:45 ¶ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?"

John 7:46 The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"

John 7:47 The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived?"

John 7:48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?

John 7:49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

John 7:50 **Nicodemus**, (individual) who had gone to him before, and **who was one of them**, said to them,

John 7:51 "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?"

John 7:52 They replied, "**Are you from Galilee too?** Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

(37) The last day of the feast:

Jewish tradition called the water ceremony - spelled out in the Talmud - celebrated the wilderness provision of water -psalm 78:15-16

recited Isaiah 12:1-6; 55:1-3

(39) from with to IN 14:15-17

(50) Nicodemus who was one of them:

John contrasts the corporate unbelief of the chosen people to highlight the individual belief of the chosen persons -John 12:42-46

born of God individually - John 3:32-33

crossing every barrier - John 1:9-13

Main Idea:

Heaven's gate is a turnstile -Luke 12:51-53

Implication:

we enter one at a time -Luke 13:22-24

no one can enter for you

no one can say yes for you...

Application:

Oregon shooter entered the school - would you say yes

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" is a Christian hymn originating from India. The lyrics are based on the last words of a man in Garo, Assam, north-east India from about 100 or so years ago

here are some articles for further study -read (send to your groups to read) and discuss:

regarding the hymn at the end of service:

<http://thecripplegate.com/why-we-sing-i-have-decided-to-follow-jesus/>

regarding the Oregon shooting:

<http://christiannews.net/2015/10/03/student-who-played-dead-in-oregon-college-shooting-heard-gunmans-words-to-christians/>

regarding the concept of individual salvation vs corporate salvation:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/collective-salvation.html>

regarding John contrasting the corporate unbelief of the chosen people to highlight the individual belief of the chosen persons -here is a long in depth article exploring the concept of individual election unto salvation in Romans 9 -it is long but worth the read:

http://www.etsjets.org/files/JETS-PDFs/36/36-1/JETS_36-1_025-040_Schreiner.pdf