

# DO YOU WANT TO KNOW

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## INTRODUCTION

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- A. TEXT: *“But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. The Jews therefore marveled, saying, **How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?** Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself.”* (v.14-17).
- A. The statement of the Jews seem not to be one admiration, but of contempt.
- B. They were displeased that he was assuming the role of one of their teachers.
- B. SETTING:
- A. The Jews were questioning how Jesus was able to so teach.
- B. He had not been to their schools.
3. How did He know so much about God and the Law?
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## DIVIDED OPINIONS

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- A. In This Chapter We See A Number Of Conflicting Ideas As To The Identity Of Jesus.
1. “For even his brethren did not believe on him.” (v. 5)
  2. “*He is a good man*”. (v. 12)
  3. “Not so, but he leadeth the multitude astray.” (v. 12b)
  4. “*How knoweth this man letters, having never learned.*” (v. 15)
  5. “Thou hast a demon”. (v 20).
  6. “*Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is the Christ.*” (v. 26)
  7. “Many believed on him; and they said, when the Christ shall come, will he do more signs than those which this man hath done” (v. 31).
  8. “*This is of a truth the prophet*” (v. 39).
  9. “Others said, This is the Christ” (v. 41).
  10. “***So there arose a division in the multitude because of him***” (v. 43).
- B. From such diverse opinion - How can one arrive at the truth.
1. Jesus had said; “*he that willeth to know*” if His teaching was from God, he could.
  2. How can we know?
  3. What are some of the problems that would keep one from this Knowledge?
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## PROBLEMS IN KNOWING

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- A. "I ALREADY KNOW ENOUGH!"
1. This was true of the Jews in our Text.
  2. They knew who Jesus was. A carpenter's son.
  3. They knew where he was from. Nazareth.
  4. They knew that he had not been taught in their schools.
- B. LET THE LEADERS TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW!
1. "*Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this man is the Christ*" v. 26.
  2. "Hath any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees?" v. 48.
  3. In the end the majority followed the rulers.
- C. LACK OF PERSONAL COMMITMENT.
1. I would like to know, but I just don't have time to study.
  2. I will someday...
  3. We need to take Personal Responsibility for what we know.
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## IMPORTANT QUESTION

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- A. HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT THIS IS RIGHT?
1. So many confusing things being taught.
  2. Is there some standard we can use.
- B. MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION...AM I SAVED?
1. It is not enough to say; "I hope so" or "Maybe".
  2. This is the most serious question you will ever face. We need, must, know the answer.
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## THE QUESTION!

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- A. Luke 12:16-21: The story of the "Rich Fool." Death came and he wasn't ready.
1. **THE QUESTION:** Are you ready. This is the most important question you will ever answer.
  2. We all must die. "*And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment*" (Heb. 9:27).
  3. Are you ready for the judgment. All other things pale into insignificance.

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- B. ALL MUST GO TO HEAVEN.....OR HELL.
1. That's all there is! (John 5:28,29; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 14:16).
  2. When we stand in judgment it will not be important as to:
    - a. How old we are, or what race we belong to.
    - b. How pretty we are or what clubs we belong to.
    - c. How educated or how rich.
  3. The only question that matters is **ARE YOU SAVED??**
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## YOU CAN BE SURE

- A. IN OTHER AREAS WE WANT TO BE SURE.
1. Buying a house.
  2. Buying a car.
  3. Choosing a College.
  4. Taking a job, making an investment.
- B. EARLY CHRISTIANS WERE SURE.
1. Stephen (Acts 7:59,60).
  2. The Eunuch (Acts 8:39).
  3. Paul. (Phil. 1:21).
  4. God wants you to know.
- C. *“for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.”* (II Tim. 1:12).
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## CONCLUSION

- A. THE HONEST SINCERE SEEKER....
1. Will seek in the right place....**The Scripture.**
  2. In the Right Way....**Sincerely.**
  3. For the right Purpose; **to be saved and to do the will of God.**
- B. REMEMBER:
1. WHERE I WILL BE WHEN I DIE.....
  2. **DEPENDS ON WHERE I AM WHILE I LIVE!!**
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