



The Gospel According to John Video 6

Thoughts from David Rudder on the Reading for Week of February 16: John 7:1 – 8:30

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Chapter seven starts off with the passage where Jesus is becoming more of an issue with the religious leaders. The disciples really wanted to come in there with a lot of announcement and whatnot, and Christ initially *declines* it, and then *slides* in and just *quietly* begins teaching on the temple steps. And everyone around Him is amazed at His knowledge.

The religious leaders and those around Christ begin to comprehend a little bit of what He's saying, and some of the Pharisees and the religious leaders actually begin, in verse 32 and forward, they begin plotting, "We gotta get rid of this guy! This guy may *infringe* on our way of life! He's expressing a message that's a little contradictory of what *we're* trying to teach."

It's amazing that a man with the message that Jesus had would be so *quickly* deemed as dangerous. Real people, when they experienced Jesus, some were touched, some were moved, and some were *afraid*--and therefore *fearful* of what it would do – particularly those in power.



Spending time in John has really expanded my Biblical horizons, so to speak. I normally follow my scriptural readings from stuff based on a daily devotional I'm doing. So I haven't necessarily taken the Gospels and read them. What's good for me is, going back and remembering some of these stories, and some of these miracles, some of these *angles* that John puts on it, of stories we've always heard, just really *expands* your Christian maturity.