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14 Now about the middle of the feast / Moses calls it: **the Feast of Ingathering**... lasting at least 2 weeks in the Autumn... at the end of the summer growth... the last feast of the year they were required to celebrate... during the time of: the **Day of Trumpets**, the **Day of Afflicting souls** and the **Day of Booths**. So, pay attention... because we are learning about the time immediately following the Day of Atonement; and Jesus had no need to celebrate the solemn Day of Afflicting souls expressing sorrow for personal sin.

Jesus went up to the temple and taught / at the hieron, where the religious hierarchy did their work.

15 And the Jewish leaders marveled, saying, How does this one know letters / gramma, **having never been educated?** / how does this guy know the ABC's, not having been taught in their rabbinical schools?

16 Jesus sizing up the situation, said to them, My teaching is not Mine, but the One who sent Me.

17 If anyone will do His will, he will know the teaching, if it is from God, or if I just speak from Myself.

18 He who speaks of himself seeks his own glory:

but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him,

He is true, and there is no unrightness in Him.

19 Did not Moses give you the law? and yet none of you does the Law.

Why do you want to kill Me?

20 The crowd answered, You have a demon: who seeks to kill You?

21 Jesus answered and said to them, I did one deed and you all marvel / He healed the man by the sheep pool... on the Sabbath day,

22 for this, Moses gave you circumcision; (not because it is from Moses, but it is from the fathers); and on the sabbath you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, and the Law of Moses should not be broken; why are you angry at Me, because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

24 Do not judge according to surface appearance; judge according to right justice.



²⁵ Then some of them of Jerusalem said,

Is this **not the One whom they seek to kill?**

²⁶ Mark this, He speaks boldly in public, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers really know that this is truly **the Christ** / **the Messiah**?

²⁷ But we know where this One is from: yet when **Messiah** comes, no one knows where He is from / most assumed Jesus was born in Nazareth in the north; not knowing He was born in Bethlehem and all that was related with His birth, in the south.

²⁸ Then **Jesus** / **Yeshua** cried out in the temple / I bet He startled everybody who was there; and to describe Him **shouting out**, twice during **this Feast of Ingathering**; and His last word shouted on the cross; In the massive tome from the 1800s, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, Dr. Edersheim of Oxford University wrote about this event when the great **Hallel praise to God** was sung and **the Prayer for Salvation** was offered. Remember: in Hebrew, **Salvation** = **YESHUAH**. As the crowds call on God for **YESHUAH**. And when the **joyous song of Praise** was over and the **prayer for Salvation** was given:

Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, **You both know Me, and you know where I am from: and I have not come of Myself** / I am not improvising My own agenda,

but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

²⁹ **But I know Him: for I am from Him, and He sent Me.** / and it is as if Jesus said: **Chew on that a while**; as He observed the reactions of both friend and foe.

³⁰ Then they sought to seize Him: but nobody laid hands on Him, because His hour had **not yet come** / increasingly the religious hierarchy resented Jesus... they saw the crowds listening to His every word; the young people drew curiously close to Jesus, the good Teacher.

³¹ And many of the people believed on Him, and said, When **Christ** / the promised **Messiah** comes, will He do more miracles than what this One has done? / of course not! Tragically, the Jewish people today in all their academic brilliance and skill set... virtually show no interest in Messiah yet the men and women from their communities, who recognize Jesus was the Messiah who came in humility, but will come again... they are truly inspiring, aren't they?

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³² The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning Him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him / Annas and his dumb-ass son-in-law Caiaphas sent lackeys, the under-rowers; the bailiffs and galley slaves of the religious community,

 ³³ Then Jesus said to the massive crowd, For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

³⁴ You will seek Me, and will **not** find Me: and where I am, you cannot come.

³⁵ Then the Jewish leaders said among themselves, Where will He go, that we will **not** find Him? will He go to the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? /will He go where the House of Israel first went to Assyrian captivity? they had many questions; and during the festive week questions arose, John remembered hearing among the crowd. And the questions kept coming...

³⁶ What is this saying that He said, You will seek Me, and will **not** find: and where I am, you cannot come?

John writes...

³⁷ On the last day, that great day of the Feast of Ingathering / again Dr. Edersheim describes this event as a joyously grand day of thanksgiving... culminating with the crowds who had come from the nations... gathering at the Temple Mount... dancing and singing the great Hallelujah Psalms... raising their voices and shofars and drums and cymbals in boisterous thanksgiving to God. And as the last antiphonal tones of praise to God from Psalm 136 diminished; as the Great Hallel faded,

Jesus / Yeshua stood and shouted a second time, remember His name means: **Salvation**,

saying, **If any one thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink** / He is the fountain of living water: like **Isaiah 55: everyone who thirsts, come to the water.**

³⁸ **He who believes on Me, as the Scripture said, If any one thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink.** He who believes on Me... from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water / refreshing others... whose source of joy is the Lord; Jesus affirmed all the Scriptures; He knew what He said to the prophet Isaiah and interpreted it to Himself. Jeremiah said it a little different: when he wrote of the LORD: **Your words I found and I ate them**; what the LORD told Him; brought him great joy -- **Jeremiah 15.**

³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believe on Him would receive: for the Spirit was **not** yet given; because Jesus was **not** yet glorified.

⁴⁰ Therefore many people, when they heard this saying, said, **Certainly this is the Prophet.**

⁴¹ Others said, This is **Christ / the Messiah.** But some said, **Will Messiah come from Galilee?**

⁴² Has not the Scripture said, That Christ comes of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the town where David was? / so Joseph and Mary kept those angelic events close to their hearts. Nobody would have believed them anyway.

⁴³ So there was a division among the people because of Him.

⁴⁴ And some of them wanted to seize Him; but nobody laid hands on Him.

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⁴⁵ Then the lackeys returned to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said to them, Why did you **not** bring Him?

⁴⁶ The lackeys answered, **Never did someone speak like this one.**

⁴⁷ Then the Pharisees asked them, Are you also deceived? / have you been led astray?

⁴⁸ None of the rulers or Pharisees believe Him.

⁴⁹ But this crowd that does **not** know the Law is accursed / the envious leaders are reduced to name calling.

⁵⁰ Nicodemus said to them, (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them),

⁵¹ Our Law does not judge any one, unless it first hears him, and knows what he is doing.

⁵² They answered and said to him, Are you also of Galilee? Search, and see: that **no** prophet arises out of Galilee.

⁵³ And everyone went to his own house.

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