

The Odessey of THE PROPHET (John 7:25–8:1)

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Introduction

Is He the Christ? (7:25-31)

7₂₅ So some of the Jerusalemites were saying: “Is this not *the One* whom the *rulers* are seeking to kill?

7₂₆ But look. He speaks openly, yet they say nothing to Him. The rulers have not actually known that He is really the Christ, *have they?*”

7₂₇ However, we know where He is from. Now, when the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from.”

7₂₈ So Jesus cried out while teaching in the temple *courtyard*, saying, “Indeed, do you• know Me? And do you• know where I am from? Alas, I have not come from Myself, but He who sent Me (whom you• do not know) is true. ²⁹ I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

7₃₀ So they were seeking to arrest Him. And yet, no one laid a hand on Him because His hour had not yet come.

7₃₁ Many from the multitude, however, believed in Him and were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not do more signs *than* these which this *man* has done, *will He?*”

Failed Attempt to Arrest Jesus (7:31-36)

7₃₂ The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these *things* about Him, so the Pharisees and the chief priests sent deputies to arrest Him.

7₃₃ So Jesus said, “For a short time I am still with you•, then I am going to the *One* who sent Me. ³⁴ “You• will seek Me; you• will not find *Me*; and where I am, you• cannot come.”

7₃₅ So those Judeans said among themselves, “Where is He about to go, that we will not find Him? He is not about to go to the Diaspora of the Greeks and teach the Greeks, *is He?*”

7₃₆ What is this word He said: ‘You• will seek Me and you• will not find *Me*; and where I am you• cannot come?’”

Rivers of Living Water (7:37-39)

7₃₇ Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and shouted, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

7₃₈ “The *one* who believes in Me, as Scripture said, from his inner recesses will flow rivers of living water.”

7₃₉ Now He said this about the Spirit, whom those who believe in Him were about to receive, for *the* Holy Spirit *was* not yet *given* because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Division over Jesus (7:40-44)

7₄₀ So when many from the multitude heard this word, they were saying, "This truly is the Prophet."

7₄₁ Some were saying, "This is the Christ." Others were saying, "What? The Christ does not come from Galilee, *does He?*"

7₄₂ Did not Scripture say that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?

7₄₃ So division happened within the multitude, because of Him.

7₄₄ Now some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Division among Pharisees (7:45–8:1)

7₄₅ So deputies came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you • not bring Him *into custody?*"

7₄₆ The deputies answered, "No man has ever spoken thus: as this man *speaks.*"

7₄₇ So the Pharisees answered them, "You • have not also been deceived, *have you?*"

7₄₈ None of the rulers nor any of the Pharisees has believed in Him, *have they?*

7₄₉ But this multitude that does not know the law is accursed."

7₅₀ Nicodemus (who had come to Him at night, being one of them) told them,

7₅₁ "Our law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, *does it?*"

7₅₂ They told him in reply, "You are not from Galilee also, *are you?* Search and see: *The* Prophet has not *now* arisen from Galilee." ⁵³ So each *one* departed to his *own* home. ^{8₁} And Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

Conclusion