

## WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY

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**MAIN IDEA:** God has revealed himself to us in Jesus—spoken to us and is still speaking to us *in Jesus*. Are we listening? **The things God says to us...**

<sup>10</sup> However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. <sup>11</sup> Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, “Where is he?”

<sup>12</sup> Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.”

Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.” <sup>13</sup> But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

*What do you think about Jesus? A “good man” or more?*

<sup>14</sup> Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. <sup>15</sup> The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. <sup>17</sup> Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. <sup>18</sup> Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. <sup>19</sup> Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”

**When Jesus is speaking, God is speaking.**

**When we look at Jesus, we are seeing God himself!**

“We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God’s original purpose in everything created.” **Colossians 1:15** <sup>Message</sup> (Heb. 1:3)

### 1. Are all truth that **CONNECTS US** to God and relationship with him.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” **1 Peter 3:18**

### 2. Call us to take **STEPS OF FAITH.**

“Believe in order to understand VS understand in order to believe.”

<sup>20</sup> “You have a demon” the crowd answered. “Who is trying to kill you?”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them, “I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. <sup>22</sup> Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup> Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man’s whole body on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup> Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.” **John 7:10–24**

### 3. **CHALLENGE** religious systems, rule-keeping, and rituals.

**Religion always makes us judgmental.** Relationship... merciful.

### 4. Are aimed at **SETTING THINGS RIGHT.**

(between us and *him*, us and *others*, us and *ourselves*, us and *creation*)