

Gospel of John 7:15 - 31

New American Standard Version

1 The Jews then were astonished, saying, “How has this man
2 become learned, having never been educated?” So Jesus answered
3 them and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If
4 anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching,
5 whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself. He who
6 speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking
7 the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no
8 unrighteousness in Him. “Did not Moses give you the Law, and
9 *yet* none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill
10 Me?” The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to
11 kill You?” Jesus answered them, “I did one deed, and you all
12 marvel. For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not
13 because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on *the* Sabbath
14 you circumcise a man. If a man receives circumcision on *the*
15 Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you
16 angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the* Sabbath?
17 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous
18 judgment.” So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is
19 this not the man whom they are seeking to kill? Look, He is
20 speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers
21 do not really know that this is the Christ, do they? However, we
22 know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come,
23 no one knows where He is from.” Then Jesus cried out in the
24 temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where
25 I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is
26 true, whom you do not know. I know Him, because I am from
27 Him, and He sent Me.” So they were seeking to seize Him; and no
28 man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. But
29 many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When
30 the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which
31 this man has, will He?”

Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own Observation, Interpretation, and Application.

- *What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer’s thought process.*
- *What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer’s meaning?*
- *How does the writer’s meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?*

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation

(What does it say?)

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation

(What does it mean?)

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application

(What does it mean for me?)

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel