

# The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

## **Lesson Twenty-six -- John 7:2-52 and Luke 9:51-62**

### Summary of Lesson

Our last lesson brought to an end the fifth period, known as the Period of Retirement, of the life of Christ. With this lesson we begin the study of the sixth period of his life, the Period of Judean Ministry, at the beginning of which Jesus bid Galilee farewell, and leaving Capernaum for the last time, went down through Samaria and into Jerusalem, where He attended the Feast of the Tabernacles, at which He healed a blind man. Later, at the Feast of the Dedication, the teachings of Jesus created such opposition that He left the city and went back up to Bethabara (where John had baptized Him), bringing an end to the period. In this lesson we see the brothers of Jesus advising Him to go down to Judea, but He declined such a public trip, preferring to go down privately. Having determined to go to Jerusalem privately, He sent messengers down to Samaria to prepare the Samaritans for His coming. The Samaritans, however, reject Him upon His arrival. He then left Samaria, and talked to His disciples and others about the necessity of sacrifice on the part of the disciples. Jesus then went into Jerusalem, and immediately became a center of controversy, especially as He taught in the temple concerning Himself. Many believed on Him, others were simply amazed, and others sought to kill him.

#### John 7:2-52

{1} Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. {3} His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. {4} "For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." {5} For even His brothers did not believe in Him. {6} Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. {7} "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. {8} "You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." {9} When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. {10} But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. {11} Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" {12} And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." {13} However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. {14} Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. {15} And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" {16} Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. {17} "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. {18} "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. {19} "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps

the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" {20} The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" {21} Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. {22} "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. {23} "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? {24} "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." {25} Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? {26} "But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? {27} "However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." {28} Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, 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." {30} Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. {31} And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" {32} The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. {33} Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. {34} "You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come." {35} Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to

go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? {36} "What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come?'" {37} On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. {38} "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." {39} But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. {40} Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." {41} Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? {42} "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" {43} So there was a division among the people because of Him. {44} Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. {45} Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" {46} The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" {47} Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? {48} "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? {49} "But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." {50} Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, {51} "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" {52} They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

#### Luke 9:51-62

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, {52} and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans,

to prepare for Him. {53} But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. {54} And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" {55} But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. {56} "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. {57} Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." {58} And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." {59} Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." {60} Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." {61} And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." {62} But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

## Questions on Lesson Twenty-six

1. Why did no man speak of Jesus openly?
2. Where did some of the Jews think Jesus might go when He said that they would not be able to find Him?
3. Who is not fit for the kingdom of heaven?
4. What Jewish feast did Jesus go to Jerusalem to attend?
5. Why did many people believe on Him?
6. Why did not the Samaritans receive Jesus?
7. At this time, did the brother of Jesus believe in Him?
8. Why did some doubt that Jesus was the Messiah?
9. What was not the purpose of the coming of the Son of Man?
10. Is all judgment by men wrong? What is the proper way of judgment?
11. How much patience did Jesus have with those who tried to "excuse" themselves from putting the kingdom first in their lives?
12. Why does the world hate Jesus?
13. Why did the officers say they had not taken Jesus?
14. Whose doctrine did Jesus preach?
15. Who suggested that fire be called down from heaven to consume the Samaritans?
16. Why did the people accuse Jesus of having a devil?
17. Why did the brothers of Jesus want Him to go to Judea?
18. Whom among the leaders of the Pharisees defended Jesus?
19. Why didn't Jesus follow His brothers' suggestion?
20. If Jesus is not condemning funerals and farewell in Luke 9:57-62, what is he condemning?