

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 15

Scripture of Lesson: John 7:25~ 53

1. Why did the Jews fail to recognize Jesus as the Messiah?

- a. Jewish expectations at the time of Jesus
 - i. Restoration of Israel
 - ii. Ingathering of peoples from nations to become part of God's people
 - iii. Ps. 102: 12~22, Isa. 49:8, Isa. 60:10~14
- b. Disjoint between their yearning for natural restoration of Israel and the humble ministry of Jesus
 - i. How our personal expectations about God prevent us from drawing close to Him?
 - ii. Do we find conflicts between our expectations and the life and teachings of Christ?

2. Calling for the thirsty in heart

- a. Disciples begin to understand the spiritual teachings of their master
 - i. Peter – “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” [John 6:68]
 - ii. John's commentary of Jesus' cry on the last of the festival. [John 7:39]
- b. Cry of the gospel today in the world—seemingly futile, calling out for searching souls.

3. Jews' bias against the Galileans – our biases today

- a. “How can Christ come from Galilee?” [v. 41] – Our biases prevent God from doing His work in us.
- b. Good conscience, free of biases and malice: I Tim. 1:5 “The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good **conscience** and sincere faith.”