

SURFACE JUDGMENT OR RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

John 7:14-24

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is
Truth"
John 17:17

I. Introduction

A. People, so often, judge based on surface information, whereas God judges based on all the information.

B. Because of this shortsightedness, Jesus is constantly having to defend Himself.

II. Jesus teaches the crowds, and the Jews are amazed. 14-15

A. Jesus teaches them the letters.

B. The Jews were amazed because Jesus had no formal training.

III. Jesus answers their amazement and their question. 16-19

A. Jesus taught the Father's doctrine. 16

B. Genuine desire to do the will of God is what helps us discern biblical teaching from worldly teaching. 17

C. Seeking God's glory instead of self-glory proves the righteousness of the teacher. 18

IV. The people accuse Jesus. 20

A. They accuse Jesus of being demon possessed.

B. They accuse Jesus of having persecutory delusions.

V. Jesus answers the people's accusation. 21-24

A. The issue at hand is the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda. 21

B. The answer is in comparing circumcision with healing. 22-23

C. Jesus finishes with the spiritual principle He's trying to teach. 24

VI. Conclusion