

Big idea: Proximity to Jesus does not result in salvation. Salvation is the result of believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

I. The overall context

- A. We're past the MIDWAY point of Jesus' earthly ministry**
- B. The RESISTANCE is relentless**
- C. Jesus' trust in the Father's plan never WAVERS**

II. The nature of unbelief

A. The SETTING vs. 1-2

1. The TIME

2. The PLACE and PRIORITY

3. The EVENT the feasts

- **PASSOVER**
- **Unleavened Bread**
- **First Fruits**
- **Pentecost**
- **Trumpets**
- **Day of Atonement**
- *****BOOTHS/TABERNACLE**

B. The SUGGESTION of the brothers vs. 3-5

1. The doctrine of the PERPETUAL virginity of Mary

2. Their PLAN

3. Their MOTIVE

4. Their HEART

C. The INSTRUCTION of our Lord vs. 6-10

1. What TIME is it?

2. A HARD word

3. Not a CONTRADICTION

D. The QUESTIONS of the crowd vs. 11-13

1. WHERE is he?

2. WHO is he?

- A GOOD man

- A BAD man

III. What we take away...

**Christ brings clarity in the midst of confusion. Truth does that.
He sends us to do the same. Speak the truth. Live the truth.**