

Look-Alike

“ How to Avoid a Fake Jesus - Part 1 ”

1. Beware of the Neutral Peacemaker vv. 25-32

2. Watch Out for the "Always There" Savior vv. 33-36



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read John 7:25-32. How did the Jerusalemites initially respond to Jesus? How did they shift in verse 27? Why?
- How were the religious leaders responding? What does this highlight about Jesus blending into the status quo?
- In what way have you seen Jesus redefined as Point #1 today? How does this challenge your perspective? Be specific.

Point #2

- Read John 7:33-36. Why did Jesus tell the crowd He was leaving soon? How was this actually a warning?
- How did the crowd respond? How does this relate to Point #2? In what way was this a false view of Jesus?
- How can this same faulty view occur today? Give an example. How can Point #2 be avoided? Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 7:25-27, Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-6

- How did the Jerusalemites initially respond to Jesus? How did they shift in verse 27?
- In what way were they imposing their own views on where the Christ will come from? Be specific.
- What does this imply about the ability for anyone to create a false Jesus? How can his happen today?

TUESDAY // Read John 5:1-18, 7:25-32, Acts 10:34-35

- Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus? In what way was He disrupting their status quo? Be specific.
- In what way is this very different than how most people picture Jesus today? Give an example.
- Why is this important to recognize when it comes to a look-alike Jesus? How does this adjust you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 7:28-32, Matthew 10:22, Acts 3:1-4:1

- In what way did Peter and John follow in the footsteps of Jesus when it came to being disruptive?
- How did the Jewish leaders respond in the same way? What does this imply about an accurate view of Jesus?
- How can a faulty view of Jesus also create a faulty view of Christian living? How does this challenge you?

THURSDAY // Read John 7:33-35, 2 Kings 24:10-17

- How did 2 Kings 24:10-17 impact the crowd's response to Jesus when He warned about leaving?
- What does this highlight about the crowd's view of Jesus? What was Jesus referring to? Be specific.
- In what way do you think people can do this today? Give an example. How can this be avoided? Be specific.

FRIDAY // Read John 7:33-36, Luke 13:23-25, Romans 1:18-25

- Why did Jesus tell the crowd that He was going to be leaving soon? In what way was it really a warning?
- How did the people take His warning to heart? What does this highlight about a fake view of Jesus?
- How can people take Jesus for granted today? (i.e., "always their savior") How can you fall into this trap?

SATURDAY // Read John 7:33-36, Matthew 23:27-33

- Given Jesus continually warned the religious leaders throughout His ministry, what does Matthew 23:33 reveal?
- How does this relate to a faulty view of Jesus? What does this also imply about having a healthy fear of Jesus?
- In what way does this also relate to taking spiritual opportunities for granted? How can this be avoided?

MEDITATION VERSE: ³³Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come."
John 7:33-34