



John 7:1-52 - Jesus divides - can we trust him?

- Given we're told Jesus' brothers don't believe why do you think they wanted him to go to Judea to show his 'works'?

1. Can I trust the teaching of Jesus? (v14-24)

- What do you think it means to 'choose to do the will of God' and how do you think this helps us discover whether Jesus' teaching comes from God?
- How does Jesus justify his healing of a man on a Sabbath? Are we ever tempted to 'judge by mere appearances (v24)?

2. Can I trust Jesus with my life? (v25-39)

- We're told (for the second time) that Jesus' 'hour has not yet come' in v30. How is that reassuring given all the uncertainty surrounding Jesus here?
- How is Jesus' reference to 'thirst' and 'living water' significant given the Festival of Tabernacles?
- What does Jesus mean when he offers 'drink' to the thirsty and 'rivers of living water'? What do you think would be signs of this living water in us?

3. Can I trust Jesus even though he divides people? (v40-52)

- Can you think of examples of Jesus dividing people you know?
- How is what we see in this passage an encouragement to us given this is still true today?