

# LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

Behold and Become Series

## Practicing Boundaries

But after his brothers left for the festival, Jesus also went, though secretly, staying out of public view. John 7:10 (NLT2)

## Courage to Speak in Favor of Jesus

The Jewish leaders tried to find him at the festival and kept asking if anyone had seen him. There was a lot of grumbling about him among the crowds. Some argued, “He’s a good man,” but others said, “He’s nothing but a fraud who deceives the people.” But no one had the courage to speak favorably about him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders. John 7:11-13 (NLT2)

## Jesus’ Teaching

Then, midway through the festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach. John 7:14 (NLT2)

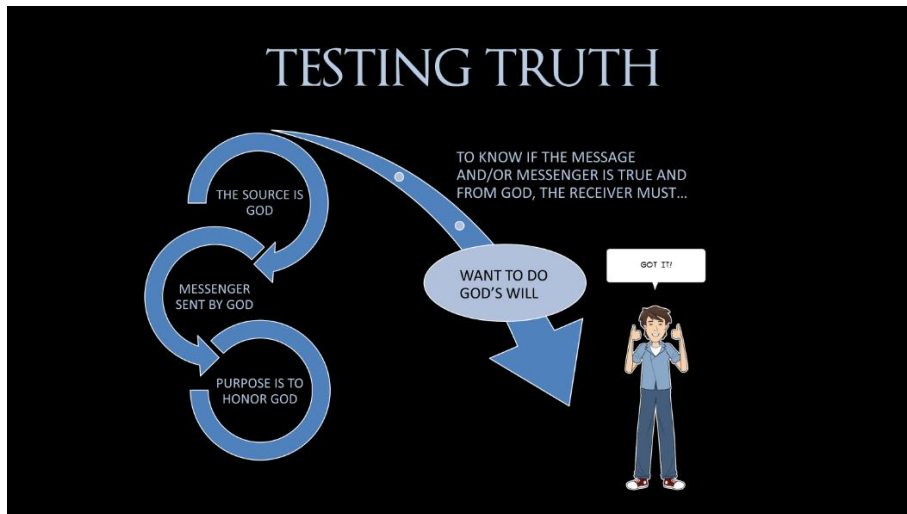
## Quality Teaching

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## Message From God

So Jesus told them, “My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me. Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own. Those who speak for themselves want glory only for themselves, but a person who seeks to honor the one who sent him speaks truth, not lies. John 7:16-18 (NLT2)

## TESTING TRUTH



## IMPORTANT TRUTH TEST

Moses gave you the law, but none of you obeys it! In fact, you are trying to kill me.”  
John 7:19 (NLT2)

## The Crowd Judges Jesus

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John 7:20 (NLT2)

## The Fickle People

### Skeptical and Unbelieving

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### Surprised and Believing

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## Ridiculous Religion

Jesus replied, “I did one miracle on the Sabbath, and you were amazed...  
John 7:21-23 (NLT2)

## Judging Correctly

Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly. John 7:24 (NLT2)

## Corrective Thinking

- Jesus’ Teaching is Authoritative
- Understanding truth is exclusive to those who want to do God’s will
- Judging correctly requires looking beneath the surface