

How does Jesus respond to the varied response of the world?

**Jesus keeps \_\_\_\_\_ with love and grace.**

### Our Challenge . . .

- As followers of Jesus, we must be \_\_\_\_\_ to the whole Good News of Jesus.
- As followers of Jesus, we must expect the same \_\_\_\_\_ to the Good News of Jesus.
- As followers of Jesus, we must keep \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News of Jesus with love and grace.

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### NEXT STEPS:

This week, make and take a fresh opportunity to share or show the Good News of Jesus to someone in your world who doesn't yet believe it. This may be through loving service, a caring gesture, an offer to pray for them, or sharing what you're learning in John!

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Jesus and Rivers of Living Water* | John 7

# JOHN

## LIFE IN JESUS

### Jesus and the Varied Response of the World

John 7

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*John 7 shows lots of different groups responding to Jesus in lots of different ways! What is it about Jesus and His Good News that evokes the varied response to Jesus that we see in John 7?*

1. **Jesus is Good News that gives \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **Jesus is Good News that \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Jesus is Good News that \_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **Jesus is Good News that is \_\_\_\_\_.**
5. **Jesus is Good News that \_\_\_\_\_.**
6. **Jesus is Good News that evokes a \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' brothers
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the people
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish leaders
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of many

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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](http://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

**CONNECT** *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

*When conflict arises or others respond negatively to your faith, what is your default tendency: fight, flight, or freeze? Why do you think that is?*

**DISCUSS** *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 7:1-38 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. Why is John 7 a turning point in John's Gospel?
3. We reviewed 5 features about the Good News of Jesus across the book of John that explain the varied response to Jesus. Which of those 5 is most real to you in this season of your life?

4. Why is Jesus and His Good News disappointing? Where have we seen instances of that in John so far? Do you feel that?
5. What are the varied responses to Jesus and where do we see those in John 7?
6. How does Jesus respond to the varied responses of the world?
7. As followers of Jesus, what does it look like to keep offering Jesus with love and grace to our world today, which still responds to Him and us in these same varied ways?

**PRAY** *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use John 7 as a springboard for your prayers together. Pray together for fresh and creative opportunities to share and show the Good News of Jesus in our little worlds with love and grace. (See the Next Step)
- Share and pray for one another's needs.