

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 89

### In Yerushalayim for Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) ~ Part 3

In our last post, we learned that **Yeshua** went privately to **Yerushalayim** and **Taught in the Temple**. This post shows that the **People Ask If Yeshua is the Messiah**, and the **P'rushim Seek to Arrest Him**.

#### People Ask If Yeshua is the Messiah

*<sup>25</sup> Some of the Yerushalayim people said, "Isn't this the man they're out to kill?" <sup>26</sup> Yet here He is, speaking openly, and they don't say anything to Him. It couldn't be, could it, that the authorities have actually concluded He's the Messiah? <sup>27</sup> Surely not - we know where this man comes from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where He comes from."*

*We know where this man comes from, that is, from **Nazareth** and ordinary human parents (Yochanan 6:42). But when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he comes from. This expectation that the origins of the **Messiah** must be shrouded in mystery contradicts Micah 5:1, which predicts the **Messiah's** birth in **Bethlehem** (as cited in Mattityahu 2:1-8).*

*<sup>28</sup> Whereupon Yeshua, continuing to teach in the Temple courts, cried out, "Indeed you do know Me! And you know where I'm from! And I have not come on My own! The One who sent Me is real. But Him, you don't know!" <sup>29</sup> I do know Him because I am with Him, and He sent me!" <sup>30</sup> At this, they tried to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand on Him; because His time had not yet come. <sup>31</sup> However, many in the crowd put their trust in Him and said, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more miracles than this man has done?" <sup>1</sup>*

*Because His time had not yet come shows **Yeshua's** strong awareness of **God's** providential direction of the circumstances of His life; His enemies could not capture or harm Him until "the hour" of His arrest, crucifixion, and death, as ordained by **God**. **God** the **Father** would not allow these things to happen until the earthly ministry of **Yeshua** (**God the Son**) was complete. Since the **Messiah** would be a prophet like **Moshe** (Deut. 18:15, 18) and **Moshe** performed many miraculous signs at the exodus (Exodus 7-11), the **Messiah** was expected to perform miracles as well. In any case, it would have been natural for people to wonder if He was the **Messiah** after witnessing **Yeshua's** miracles.*

#### P'rushim Seek to Arrest Him

*<sup>32</sup> The P'rushim heard the crowd whispering these things about Yeshua, so the head cohanim and the P'rushim sent some of the Temple guards to arrest him. <sup>33</sup> Yeshua said, "I will be with you only a little while longer; then I will go away to the One who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will look for me and not find me; indeed, where I am, you cannot come." <sup>35</sup> The Judeans said to themselves, "Where is this man about to go that we won't find him? Does he intend to go to the Greek Diaspora and teach the Greek-speaking Jews?" <sup>36</sup> And when He says, 'You will look for me and not find me; indeed, where I am, you cannot come' - what does he mean?" <sup>2</sup>*

***Greek-speaking Jews.** The word in the text is "Ellênôn" ("Greeks"). Did the **Judeans** wonder if **Yeshua** would teach **Gentiles**? The word "Greek" often means "Gentile" in the writings of Luke and Sha'ul. But since the text explicitly refers to *the Greek Diaspora* ("dispersion"), which has meaning for **Jews** and not concerning **Gentiles**, the **Judeans** have in mind either Greek or Greek-speaking **Jews**. Of these two, it*

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<sup>1</sup> Yochanan 7:25-31.

<sup>2</sup> Yochanan 7:32-36.

seems much more likely that ***the Greek Diaspora*** refers to the entire territory conquered by Alexander, where Greek had become the *lingua franca*, than **Greece** specifically.

In our next post, we continue with our new series on **Yeshua's Journey to Yerushalayim for the Feast of Sukkot**. In our next post, we will learn more about **Spiritual Drinks** and more.