"Confusion & Delusion" - John 7:14-36

The Jewish people generally refused to believe in Jesus as Messiah. The confusion caused by their sin & delusion caused by their self-righteousness led them to try to get rid of their Messiah rather than accepting & following him, which would lead to their salvation.

See Rom 1:21

1) The _____ Continues - The World _____ Know Jesus (vv. 14-19, 25-29)

Three Different Groups of People: Jews/Jewish Leaders, Crowd, & People/Residents of Jerusalem

v. 15 – Jewish Leaders' Comments on Jesus' Education

v. 27 – Residents' Comments on Jesus' Origins

A) Confusion Is Not _____ by an Educational _____

B) Confusion's Presence _____ We Pray, Teach & Preach!
Rom 1; Jas 1:5; 2 Cor 5:20

2) The _____ of Self-Righteousness – _____ Us to Reality (vv. 20-24)

AMAZED

WORKING

JUDGING

A) Self-Righteousness _____ *from Spiritual Truth*

Self-righteousness blinds us to **1)** our need for salvation thru faith in Christ because we don't see our spiritual need, and **2)** to the sins we may be harboring in our lives because we're good at making excuses for them or have justified them.

SALVATION

SANCTIFICATION
See 1 Thess 5:19; Eph 5:18; 4:30; Daniel 4

B) Self-Righteousness Affects How We _____ Others

3) The Need to _____ – Time Is Running _____ (vv. 30-36)

Elements of time. See vv. 30, 33.

Gleaning from the phrase: **"I will be with you for only a little while"…**

A) God Continues to Be _____

B) Our Time to Obey Is _____

SUMMARY:
I. Spiritual confusion continues…causing by seeking self & rejection of the truth. The remedy is faithful teaching & preaching covered in prayer for the SPIRIT to convict, correct, & soften the person.

II. Self-righteousness creates delusion…so we must permeate our lives with the gospel so that we see our need for him in salvation & every day of our lives. The gospel is both a remedy & a motivator.

III. Time to respond is running out…so today is the day to BELIEVE, to turn to Jesus in faith for salvation, & to live in obedience to the Lord.