**25**Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? **26**And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? **27**But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.” **28**So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. **29**I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.” **30**So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. **31**Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

**32**The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. **33**Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. **34**You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.” **35**The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? **36**What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?”

**John 7.25-36 A Study in unbelief (2)**

**Introduction: A Study in unbelief (cont…)**

John 1.10-12

1. **The issue of his origin (25-31)**
* Deliberately clueless
1. **The issue of his destination (32-36)**
* Clueless about his destination
* Clueless about their tragic future

**Conclusion**

*Questions*

*Q. Do you agree that the world as a whole responds to Jesus in a very similar way today? How so?*

*Q. John’s purpose in writing all this is “so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” (20.30-31). How is chapter 7 helping with that?*