**Following Jesus in a Hostile World  
John 7:40-52**

**PNP:** *Two expectations when you follow Jesus in a hostile world*

1. Following Jesus in a hostile world ***has*** always been ***controversial*** and ***divisive*** (vv. 40-44)
   1. The responses the invitation of Christ: (vv. 40-42)
      1. The Not Yet (v.40)
      2. The No Doubt (v.41a)
      3. The No Way (vv.41b-42)
   2. The division because of Christ (vv. 43-44)
2. Following Jesus in a hostile world ***will*** always require ***courage*** and ***humility*** (vv. 45-52)
   1. The courageous response of the Temple Guard (vv. 45-49)
   2. The humble response of Nicodemus (vv. 50-52)

***40When some from the crowd heard these words, they said, “This truly is the Prophet.” 41Others said, “This is the Messiah.” But some said, “Surely the Messiah doesn’t come from Galilee, does he? 42Doesn’t the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from David’s offspring and from the town of Bethlehem, where David lived?” 43So the crowd was divided because of him. 44Some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid hands on him.***

***DEBATE OVER JESUS’S CLAIMS***

***45Then the servants came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring him?”***

***46The servants answered, “No man ever spoke like this!”,***

***47Then the Pharisees responded to them, “Are you fooled too? 48Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in him? 49But this crowd, which doesn’t know the law, is accursed.”***

***50Nicodemus—the one who came to him previously and who was one of them—said to them, 51“Our law doesn’t judge a man before it hears from him and knows what he’s doing, does it?”***

***52“You aren’t from Galilee too, are you?” they replied. “Investigate and you will see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”[[1]](#footnote-1)***

1. [*Christian Standard Bible*](https://ref.ly/logosres/csb?ref=BibleCSB2.Jn7.40&off=34&ctx=+DIVIDED+OVER+JESUS%0a~40%C2%A0%E2%80%A2When+some+from+t) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 7:40–52. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)