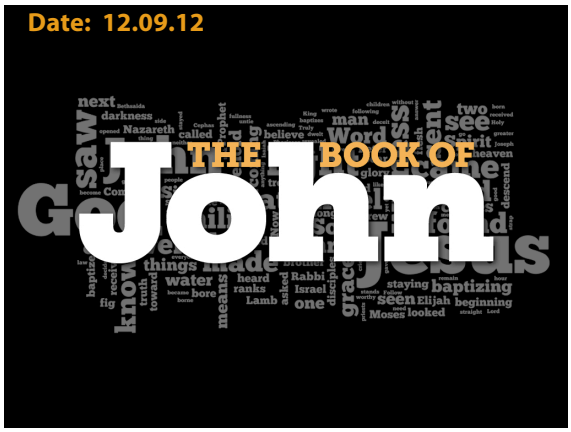

Given we live in "modern times," we can be easily seduced into believing that we are vastly different from the people in the Bible. We can tend to believe that we are more sophisticated, more advanced, more developed than the people in the days of Jesus. Similarly, we can drift into believing that we are more developed in some spiritual way. However, while we have made vast advancements in technology, we are fundamentally (as humans) no different. For example, we all want to be loved. We all want to believe we are connecting with God or some notion of living right, etc. etc. The Bible offers us a glimpse into the experiences and decisions of people who sought to fill these legitimate life-cravings as well. Today, we will see four tragic mistakes people make about Jesus and themselves and, therefore, forfeit the type of life that will find satisfaction in God. It is you have not made the same mistake(s) and will invite others to see Jesus and themselves in a way that enjoys and instills God-centered living.

4 Tragic Mistakes Non-Believers Make.

I. Minimize Jesus' words – vv.14-16

II. Underestimate their need – v.17

III. Are blinded to their real motivation – v.18

IV. Make the Law manageable – vv. 19-24

John 7:14-24

About the middle of the feast Jesus went
up into the temple and began teaching. 15
The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How
is it that this man has learning, when he has
never studied?" 16 So Jesus answered
them, "My teaching is not mine, but his
who sent me. 17 If anyone's will is to do
God's will, he will know whether the
teaching is from God or whether I am
speaking on my own authority. 18 The one
who speaks on his own authority seeks his
own glory; but the one who seeks the glory
of him who sent him is true, and in him
there is no falsehood. 19 Has not Moses
given you the law? Yet none of you keeps
the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" 20
The crowd answered, "You have a demon!
Who is seeking to kill you?" 21 Jesus
answered them, "I did one work, and you all
marvel at it. 22 Moses gave you
circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but
from the fathers), and you circumcise a man
on the Sabbath. 23 If on the Sabbath a man
receives circumcision, so that the law of
Moses may not be broken, are you angry
with me because on the Sabbath I made a
man's whole body well? 24 Do not judge by
appearances, but judge with right
judgment."

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