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#### Not a decision based on ignorance

...seen the miracles

Josephus, “Now about this time there lived a wise man called Jesus... he was a man who performed startling feats”.

... heard the incredible teaching

John 7:15, “How did this man get such learning without having studied”.

John 7:46, “no one ever spoke the way this man does”.

... he is the Son of God

#### Their rejection reveals their real father

John 8:47, “*he who belongs to God hears what God says, the reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God*”.

#### The real reason Jesus is in Jerusalem

verse 51, “if anyone keeps my word he will never see death”.

#### Why responding correctly to Jesus is so important!

“I tell you the truth, before Abraham was I AM”.

Ex 3:14, “tell them I AM has sent me”.

John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word and the word was with God and the Word was God, he was with God in the beginning.”

John 1:14, “*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth*”

John 20:30-31, “*Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presences of his disciples which are not recorded in this book but these are written that you might believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing you might have life in his name*”.

#### The response of the Jews in the temple

verse 59, “*At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds*”

#### For us today

1) Do not forget his offer or who he is.

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verse 51, “I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word he will never see death”.

2) His offer enables us to rethink how we live completely

3) Who we will be accountable to

John 8:50 - He is judge.