Passing Judgement on Jesus

“The Jews were amazed and asked, ‘How did this man get such learning without having studied?’” (John 7:15)

Bee-keeper, Sir Edmund Hilary, wasn't highly educated, yet was the first to climb Mt. Everest. Farmer, Sir William Hamilton, wasn't highly educated, yet was the first to create a jet-boat able to traverse the Colorado River both ways through the Grand Canyon. Carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth, didn't have any degrees from the universities of his day, but his teaching was more profound and pertinent to the people of his time than the discourses of the recognised academics.

The scholars passing judgement on Jesus were arrogant and dismissive of Jesus. He had not studied at their schools, so no intelligent person was going to take any notice of him. But they were taking notice of him. Even though they wanted to ignore him because he hadn't been to their schools, they found themselves discussing him. Secretly, they would have been puzzled and angry that an
uneducated person could know so much.

John chapter seven tells us the story of many reactions to Jesus. But the one reaction that was impossible was indifference. Everyone talked about him, argued about him and had an opinion about him. Jesus could not simply be ignored, and the same is still true today.

God has given us the Spirit of truth to guide us into all truth. And the Spirit will guide us into greater truth if we will but let his voice be heard above the domination of our own interpretations of Scripture.

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