



1. \_\_\_\_\_: You assume

**no one can know. v.25-32**

*Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is. v.27*

This agnosticism is reportedly based on misinterpretation of:

- Isaiah 53:8 – ironically, its prophecy is of the Jews looking back after rejecting and killing their Messiah... which the Jews were actively fulfilling in that moment.
- Malachi 3:1 – which says that the LORD will suddenly enter His temple after Elijah prepares the way for Him. Interestingly, had the Jews received Jesus, this would have been fulfilled by Jesus' sudden cleansing of the temple (2:17) after John the Baptist announced Him (1:15-16, 23-27, 29-36).
- The apocryphal books, which are historical books that contain errors, contradictions, and were never presented as Scripture and are not present in the Bible God preserved for you.

Jesus has repeatedly told them He's from above, (3:13, 31) from heaven (6:33, 38, 41, 50-51, 58; Cf. 8:23)

**\*\*Don't assume. The issue isn't you CAN'T know God; the issue is you don't know God**

2. \_\_\_\_\_: You assume

**everything is about the here and now. v.33-36**

*Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? v.35*

*Dispersed... (Cf. Is 11:12; Zep 3:10; Ac 21:21; Ja 1:1; 1Pe 1:1)*

*Teach the Gentiles... (Cf. Ps 67:1-2; Isa 11:10; 49:6; Mt 12:21; Lu 2:32; Ac 11:18; 13:46-48; 22:21; Eph 3:8; 1Ti 2:7; 2Ti 1:11)*

**\*\* Don't assume. Acknowledge that some truth exists outside of your experience.**

*Ecclesiastes 1:14; Mark 8:36; Isaiah 55:6 (Cf. 2Co 6:2; Heb 3:15; 4:7)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_: You assume

**you know all the facts. v.37-44**

*Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? v.41b-42*

Jesus was born in and came out of Bethlehem (Mt 2:1; Lu 2:4-7, 11, 15), yet He was brought up in Nazareth (Lu 4:16; Lu 2:39, 51; Mt 2:23), so He was known as Jesus of Nazareth:

Servant damsel (Mt 26:71) & Governor Pilate (Jo 19:19)

Angels (Mk 16:6) & demons (Mr 1:24),

Disciples (Php 1:45-46; Lu 24:19; Ac 2:22; 3:6; 4:10; 10:38; 26:9) and False witnesses (Ac 6:14)

Multitudes who praised Him (Mr 10:47; Mt 21:11) & Guards who arrested Him (Jo 18:5, 7)

Jesus, Himself (Ac 22:8)

**\*\*Don't assume. Humbly confess that you don't know the whole story.**

4. \_\_\_\_\_: You assume

**the clergy is right. v.45-49**

*Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? v.47b-48*

*Psalm 118:22 (Cf. Mt 21:42; Mr 12:10-11; Lu 20:17; Ac 4:11; 1Pe 2:4-8)*

*1 Corinthians 2:5; Romans 3:3-4*

**\*\*Don't assume. Base your faith on the word of God not the opinion of men.**

5. \_\_\_\_\_: You assume

**history defines legitimacy. v.50-53**

*John 3:6-7, 9; (Cf. De 1:16-17; 17:4-9; 19:15-19)*

*Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. v.52*

*(Cf. 2Ki 14:25; Josh 19:10; Jonah 3:3-10; 2:1-10; Mt 12:38-41)*

**\*\*Don't assume. Define truth by Scripture not history.**

*John 7:37-38 ...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*