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Scripture

John 5: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Jesus moved about within Galilee;
he did not wish to travel in Judea,
because the Jews were trying to kill him.
But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near.
But when his brothers had gone up to the feast,
he himself also went up, not openly but as it were in secret.
Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said,
"Is he not the one they are trying to kill?
And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him.
Could the authorities have realized that he is the Christ?
But we know where he is from.
When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."
So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said,
"You know me and also know where I am from.
Yet I did not come on my own,
but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true.
I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."
So they tried to arrest him,
but no one laid a hand upon him,
because his hour had not yet come.

Our Scripture Reflection

The Jewish authorities once again manifest their know-it-all attitude. In their arrogance they think they know Jesus and just when their thoughts seem to have His identity pinned down He eludes them. How could they ever get to know who Jesus is? Jesus told the Jewish leader Nicodemus in John 3 that unless you are born "from above", that is, a part of the spiritual realm then it is impossible. There is a real irony about being in a relationship with Jesus. On one hand I can know Him well by listening to His words in His Gospels. On the other, however, there is a part of His identity that will always elude me...because He is God. That's where faith and trust come in.

Food for your Journey

Faith is believing in something when common sense tells you not to.

--From the movie, Miracle On 34th Street.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You sent Your Son Jesus in this world to teach us about Yourself and Your desires for us. Help me to realize beyond a doubt that when I see and hear Him, I see and hear You. Amen