

The Significance of *Ioudaioi* as Judeans in John's Gospel)

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INTRODUCTION

How Jewish Scholars describe John's Gospel to those attending synagogue services:

The seventy uses of *Ioudaios* in John's Gospel:

John 1:19; 2:6, 13, 18, 20; 3:1, 22, 25; 4:9 *bis*, 22; 5:1, 10, 15*f bis*, 18; 6:4, 41, 52; 7:1*f bis*, 11, 13, 15, 35; 8:22, 31, 48, 52, 57; 9:18, 22 *bis*; 10:19, 24, 31, 33; 11:8, 19, 31, 33, 36, 45, 54*f bis*; 12:9, 11; 13:33; 18:12, 14, 20, 31, 33, 35*f bis*, 38*f bis*; 19:3, 7, 12, 14, 19-21 (x 5), 31, 38, 40, 42; 20:19.

Matthew only uses this word five times: 2:2; 27:11, 29, 37; 28:15.

Mark only uses this word six times: 7:3; 15:2, 9, 12, 18, 26.

Luke only uses this word five times: 7:3; 23:3, 37*f bis*, 51.

Clearly, John emphasizes the word, since The word *pisteuō* (believe) that is central to the purpose statement occurs 100 times.

Difficulties that Interpreters Encounter in John 8

The Solution:

The word *Ioudaios* resembles our word *Yankee*:

Someone in Iran says, "Yankee, go home!" Yankee means _____

Someone in Georgia says, "Yankee, go home!" Yankee means _____

A baseball fan saying "Yankee, go home!" Yankee means _____

The word *Ioudaios* in "*Ioudaioi* (_____) versus Gentiles."

The word *Ioudaios* in "*Ioudaioi* (_____) versus Galileans."

Some Passages Where *Ioudaios* Must Mean Judean(s) or Must Be Positive

John 7:1

John 4:9

John 4:22

John 3:22

Some Problem Passages

John 6:41-42

John 2:6

CONCLUSION