



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 9: He Sent Me

Suggested Week of Use: January 29, 2023

Core Passage: John 7:14-29

News Story Summary

Earlier this year, JPMorgan Chase announced that it had filed a lawsuit against the founder of a financial aid company, claiming that she fraudulently created millions of user accounts to make her firm appear more valuable. According to lawsuit, JPMorgan Chase purchased Frank, an online platform designed to simplify the student aid application process, in 2021 for \$175 million. Frank's founder, Charlie Javice, created the company when she was 24, and her work had landed her on *Forbes*' "30 under 30" list in 2019. At the time of sale, Javice claimed that Frank had more than four million users. However, after a large marketing campaign produced some questionable results, JP Morgan Chase began to dig deeper into the user list. The company now says that Frank had less than 300,000 actual users. Javice is accused of paying \$18,000 to a data science professor to create millions of fake names, email addresses, and birthdays. The lawsuit—as well as a countersuit by Javice—is yet to be resolved.

For more about this story, search “JPMorgan Chase lawsuit Frank.”

Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, say: *We live in a world where we are constantly bombarded by scams. As a result, we often approach things with a measure of skepticism.* Share the story of the JPMorgan Chase lawsuit. Emphasize that the questions about Charlie Jarvis's integrity have raised serious questions—so much so that JP Morgan Chase is taking her to court to uncover the truth. Explain that it's also common for people to have questions about the teachings of Jesus. Say: *Still, Christ followers believe they can trust Him.* Point out for people to truly accept Jesus as God's Son, they need to trust Him. Ask: *How do Jesus's teachings verify that He was sent by the Father? How do they remove doubts about the validity of who He is?* Share that in today's session, Jesus clearly shared why He can be trusted.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, explain that knowing the full facts about Jesus verifies His claims. Ask: *What are the dangers of not knowing the facts about Jesus?* (PSG, p. 88) *What was the result of JPMorgan Chase not digging into Frank sooner?* Remind adults that Javice made a lot of claims about her company, but the validity of those claims is now under attack. Explain that Jesus was unlike any other teacher because He claimed to be God, but His words and His works affirmed those claims. Challenge adults to think through their questions about Jesus this week and to ask Him to help them trust Him more. Say: *Believers can confidently proclaim that Jesus was sent by the Father.*