

John 10:22-42

22 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. **23** And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. **24** Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. **26** But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. **27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. **30** I and My Father are one."

1) Feast of Dedication – Not one/Three Feasts –Unleavened Bread, Weeks, Tabernacles

- Feast of Dedication = Hanukkah – Dec 22, 2019

- Celebrated by Jews for eight days to commemorate the cleansing/Temple it had been desecrated by the Syrians under Antiochus Epiphanes. (Prophesied Daniel 11). The restoration of the worship of God was by the Judas Maccabaeus about 165 B.C.

2) Tell us if you are the Christ/I told you & you do not believe

- Works I do bear witness of Me, but you do not believe – because you are not of My sheep

Respond

* People do not believe in Jesus because there is not enough proof or evidence

* They do not believe in Christ because they have not heard, or they choose not to believe!

* **Rom 10:14-17 & Jn 5:31-40** (Fourfold Witness- John/Baptist, Works, Father, Word)

3) My sheep hear My voice – I know them, they follow Me!

- That is the key – to hear the voice of Jesus, or hear the voice of World, Satan, Religions

- To hear his voice

Respond – Where does most of your information about Jesus come from Him or someone else? Read the Bible, let Jesus and the Word of God tell you who Jesus is, test it, believe it!

4) I give/Eternal Life AND never perish, Neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand

* My Father who is greater than all, no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand

Respond

* First you can't give what you do not have!

* You receive a gift, you don't work for it, and you don't pay someone back for it

* Everything that God has for you is a FREE GIFT – Religion & Man try work/pay for it!

* **Eph 2:8-9** – (Saved by faith/gift) & **Rom 3:23-24** (justified/faith free gift)

* And we are kept by His power! (**1 Peter 1:3-5**)

5) * I & My Father are one! (Gk/Heis - Not Homo)

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. **32** Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" **33** The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

* C.S. Lewis Coined/Phrase & Josh McDowell renewed it, "Liar, Lunatic, or LORD!"

* Jesus said who He was time and time again – This chapter - Two "I AMs" & I/Father/One

* Same thing happened in John 5:16-18!

Respond – Jesus does not leave any room for Him/be a great teacher, model/follow, prophet

* To believe IN Jesus is to believe Jesus – John 3:36

34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods” ’? **35** If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), **36** do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? **37** If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; **38** but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.” **39** Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

* Jesus reasoned with them, with their own scriptures – Written/law, “I said/you are gods”???

* Ps 82:3-4 – Not the Law, the Psalms

* Ex 21:6, 22:8, 9 (twice) – Judges acting as God – Dt 1:16-17; 2 Chr 19:6-7 (Jehoshaphat)

* If that/true, which it is, what if what I say/true, which it is? Not blaspheme/lunacy - Truth!

* Isa 14:1-15, Ezek 28:1-10, Ps 82 – God thinks about man becoming a god.

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. **41** Then many came to Him and said, “John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true.” **42** And many believed in Him there.

Respond –

1) Christian – Reassured

1. Jesus the one and only Door – to heaven!
2. Jesus is the Good Shepherd - of Psalm 23
3. He has come that we may have life and may have it more abundantly
4. He knows His sheep, and am known by His own (sheep)
5. He gives His life/lays down His life for the sheep. (He is not a hireling)
6. He has “other sheep” (Gentiles)/not/this fold (Jews), them also/bring
7. He makes one flock with one shepherd
8. He laid His life down for His sheep, no one took it . (Left Galilee/Flint)
9. He had power to lay it down, and He had power to take it up!
10. His sheep hear His voice and follow Him.
11. He gives us eternal life And we shall never perish
12. No one can snatch us out of His or the Father
13. He and the Father are One and the same!
14. He is the Son of God, and He is God
15. We can believe in Him and we can believe Him

2. Not Yet Believed –

1. Jesus does not leave any room for Him/be a great teacher, model/follow, prophet
2. To believe IN Jesus is to believe Jesus – John 3:36