

Jesus is God

John 10:22-42

1. The Question They Could Not Avoid

- The setting is the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah), in winter, at the temple.
- The Jewish leaders surround Jesus and demand clarity.
- Their question is simple: *Are you the Christ? Are you God?*

2. Jesus' Response: You Already Have the Answer

- Jesus tells them He has already made it clear.
- His words and His works both testify to who He is.
- Their unbelief is not intellectual but spiritual.
- They do not believe because they are not His sheep.

3. The Identity of the Sheep

- Jesus describes His people clearly.
- His sheep hear His voice.
- He knows them personally.
- They follow Him obediently.

4. The Security of the Shepherd

- Jesus gives eternal life to His sheep.
- No external force can take them from His hand.
- The Father is greater than all.
- No enemy, devil, or false shepherd can steal what belongs to God.

5. What This Passage Is (and Is Not) Saying

- The text emphasizes protection, not philosophical debate.
- It teaches that salvation cannot be taken by outside forces.
- It does not address the broader debate about apostasy or perseverance.
- The focus is comfort, safety, and assurance in God's care.

6. A Clear Claim of Deity

- Jesus declares, "I and the Father are one."
- This was unmistakable language in Jewish culture.
- He is claiming equality with God.

7. The Reaction Confirms the Meaning

- The Jews immediately pick up stones.
- They accuse Him of blasphemy.
- Their charge is clear: *You, being a man, make yourself God.*
- They understood exactly what Jesus was claiming.

8. Jesus Appeals to Scripture and Works

- Jesus references Psalm 82 to expose their inconsistency.
- Scripture cannot be broken.
- If His works are from the Father, they should believe the evidence.
- The works testify that the Father is in Him and He is in the Father.

9. Rejection in Jerusalem, Belief Beyond the Jordan

- Jesus withdraws to the place where John once baptized.
- Many people come to Him there.
- They remember John's testimony.
- Though John performed no signs, everything he said about Jesus was true.

10. The Power of Faithful Witness

- John the Baptist performed no miracles.
- Yet Jesus called him the greatest born of women.
- Faithfulness matters more than signs.
- Speaking truthfully about Jesus leads people to believe.

11. A Final Encouragement

- Not everyone will perform miracles.
- Not everyone will have public signs or dramatic moments.
- But a faithful life and faithful testimony about Jesus still changes hearts.
- Many believed, not because of signs, but because the message was true.

