



The Light of Dedication

John 10:22-30



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22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. 24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? 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, these testify of Me. 26 "But you do



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not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will 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 the Father's hand. 30 "I and the Father are one."

Time of Despair

- After Alexander – Selucid rulers (167 BC)
 - Antiochus – epiphanies / epimanes?
 - Hellenization of Jews - Forbidden to:

Circumcise	Observe festivals
Keep the Sabbath	Offer sacrifices
Read/own a copy of the Torah	
 - Required: erect altars to Zeus, sacrifice pigs

Time of Desecration

- To enforce it – 25 of Kislev, 166 BC
 - Takes the Temple – offers a pig!
- Judah Matthias the priest, 5 sons
 - “Hammer hand” = Maccabees
 - 3 year battle against Syrians
 - 10,000 Jews vs 60,000 + 5,000 cavalry



Time of Dedication

- 25th of Kislev in 164 BC
- Temple taken – weeds, pigs, ruin
- Consecration of Temple
- But, only 1 days supply of lamp oil
- Lasts 8 days...



Solomon's Porch (Colonnade)

- “Solomon’s Porch (Portico) was 800 feet long (nearly 3 football fields)
- with 162 Corinthian Columns up to 100 feet tall.



Who are you?

- “How long...suspense...”
- Are you the Christ? Expectations
 - Wanted political overthrow
 - Needed a “temple cleansing”
- “I told you” – you will not believe
- The works in Father’s Name



Who are you!?

- Not my sheep, won't hear my voice
- hear, know, follow – keep on!
 - Your unbelief, your actions... (just taught)
- I give eternal life
 - No one seizes them from Me
 - Father's Hand and mine...


Who am I?

- “I and the Father are one.”
- Jesus could not have been plainer
- I am the Christ, the God-Man
- They have their answer... stones
- A New temple in us...

Dedication Lights

- Hanukkah is about light in the dark
- Put it in the window...all to see
- “let your light so shine...”



A row of eight lit candles, each with a bright yellow flame, set against a solid black background. The candles are evenly spaced and appear to be made of a light-colored wax.

*In Him was life, and that life
was the light of men.*

John 1:4