

John 10:22-42

Religious Leaders Surround Jesus at the Temple

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[22] Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,

[23] and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade.

[24] The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

[25] Jesus answered, *"I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,*

[26] *but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.*

[27] *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

[28] *I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.*

[29] *My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.*

[30] *I and the Father are one."*

[31] Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him,

[32] but Jesus said to them, *"I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"*

[33] "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

[34] Jesus answered them, *"Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?*

[35] *If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came – and the Scripture cannot be broken -*

[36] *what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?*

[37] *Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.*

[38] *But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."*

[39] Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

[40] Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed

[41] and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true."

[42] And in that place many believed in Jesus.