

The Truth as it is In Jesus (John 10: 22-42)

- John 10: 1-21 Jesus tells His disciples that He is the true Shepherd
- John 9 dealt with the man born blind healed & cast out of the synagogue
- The Pharisees were no shepherds: hirelings who abandoned the sheep
- The sheep hear the Shepherd's voice & follow, He lays down his life for them
- He has come to give them life & life in abundance – vs. 22-24 Who is Jesus

I. The Promised Messiah (10:22-30)

- Vs 24 'Jews surrounded him' & asked - 'If you are the Christ, tell us plainly'
- Vs 25-26 Jesus answers those who hate him with a careful & powerful answer
- The people didn't reject Jesus for lack of evidence: vs. 25
- "I told you" Jesus, already shown by His works "healing the man born blind"
- "Still you do not believe" the problem – unbelief not proof
- Note the condition of their unbelief: v.26 "spiritual blindness" "not his sheep"
- Jesus' sheep are identified by:
 - 1) they know Jesus: "they hear my voice" (27a)
 - 2) they are known by Jesus: "I know them" (27b)
 - 3) they follow Jesus: "they follow me" (27c)
 - 4) they receive eternal life (28)
 - 5) their security is guaranteed by God (29)
- Jesus and His Father (10:30)
- "I and the Father are One" (10:30)

II. The Son of God (10:31-39)

- The Jews picked up stones to stone Him (31)
- For which miracle were they going to stone Him (32,33)
- Consider what the Scriptures say (34-39)

III. The Saviour of Sinners (10:41,42)

- Jesus withdrew beyond the Jordan to where His public ministry began
 - 1) it signaled the close of Jesus' itinerate ministry
 - 2) sealed in the mind of a good number that he was the promised Messiah
- "Many believed in Him" vs. 42 but some rejected Him and sought to kill Him