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Gospel of John

John 10:22-42

Glorying in our Redeemer

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John 10:22-30

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said 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 bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, 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.”

John 10:31-39

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”

33 The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” 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 Scripture cannot be broken— 36 do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” 39 Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.⁴

John 10:40-42

40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. 41 And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” 42 And many believed in him there.

Setting:

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

- Feast of Dedication: Hanukkah-A feast to commemorate the purification of the temple after it had been defiled by the Greek King Antiochus Epiphanes in the second century B.C. (164 B.C.)
- Not a Biblically mandated feast but a tradition of the Jews

24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

- John 6:15-Jesus fed 5,000 “*come and take him by force to make him king*”

25a Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe.”

- Jesus identified himself as the “Son of God” and sent from heaven (5:17-18, 6:58, 8:42)
- Jesus identified himself as the “Son of Man” (5:27, 6:53, 8:28)
 - “Son of Man” is a messianic reference to Daniel 7:13
- Jesus identified himself as the great “I AM” (6:35, 8:12, 8:58)
 - “I AM” YHWH Exodus 3:14

25b “The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me”

- John 10:21 *“These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”*

26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

- Pay attention to the order (Cause and effect)
- **John 6:37** *All that the Father gives me will come to me*
- **Eph 2:8** *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*

27 My sheep hear my voice

- **Matt 11:15** *He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*
- **Rom 8:29** *And those whom he predestined he also called*

and I know them

- *V3 The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out*

and they follow me.

- *V4 the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow.*

28 I give them eternal life

- **Rom 8:30** *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified*

and they will never perish

- *Perish-destroyed/damnation*

and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

- *Rom 8:31-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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.

- *Ps 37:23-24 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; 24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.*

30 I and the Father are one.

- *One in essence, will, power (John 1:1)*

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- The irony of this statement is that the Jews have it backwards. They said “*you being a man, make yourself God*”, when in actuality the opposite is true. Jesus, being eternally God, made Himself a man (John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*)

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- Ps 82:6 (Ex 7:1, 21:6, 22:8-9, 28)
- In other words, Jesus is arguing something like this “If it was right to call men who were given authority to judge other men gods, then how can you say it is blasphemy to call the One consecrated (set apart) and sent into the world by the Father, the Son of God?”
- If you don’t believe me, then believe the works/miracles

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