

## John 10:22-42 – Jesus the Messiah

From the beginning of chapter 7 through the first half of chapter 10, Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) in the fall. In the second half of chapter 10, Jesus was in Jerusalem in the winter. It was the Feast of Dedication or what we know as Hanukkah. Jesus continued to talk about his sheep.

**Read John 10:22-30.**

Why were the Pharisees frustrated? What did they want Jesus to do? Maybe the Pharisees began to understand what Jesus meant when he talked about being the Good Shepherd. (10:24)

Jesus told someone plainly that he was the Messiah. Who was that person? (4:25-26) Why didn't Jesus plainly tell the Pharisees that he was the Messiah? How did Jesus respond to their request? What do you think would have happened if Jesus had plainly told the Pharisees that he was the Messiah? (10:25-26)

In chapter 8, Jesus talked about how he was a witness and that God the Father was also a witness. In verse 25, Jesus mentioned another one of his witnesses. Jesus did many works, signs and miracles. The Pharisee CSI team had investigated the man born blind and could not legitimately refute that Jesus had given sight to the man born blind. They still refused to believe Jesus. Why didn't the Pharisees believe Jesus? (10:26)

What is true of Jesus' sheep? What does Jesus give to his sheep? (10:27-28)

Remember that under the hired hand's watch, the wolf came and snatched some of the sheep. What does it mean that no one will snatch Jesus' sheep from his hand and that no one will snatch the sheep from the Father's hand? Who gave the sheep to Jesus? How do you reconcile "My Father is greater than all" with "I and the Father are one"? (10:29-30)

**Read John 10:31-42.**

How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' claim that he was one with the Father? (10:31)

Jesus reminded the Pharisees that his many good works bore witness to who he was. Why did the Pharisees want to kill Jesus? (10:33) Remember that in 5:18, the Jews wanted to kill him because he was “making himself equal to God”. If Jesus wasn’t God, wouldn’t he have told them that it was all just a big misunderstanding? Jesus didn’t do that.

Jesus quoted Psalm 82:6. What point did Jesus make from this passage? (10:34-36) Who did Jesus claim to be in verse 36? What is the significance of this title?

If someone came and claimed to be the Messiah but never did any signs or miracles, should they have been believed? (10:37) Jesus said that even if they didn’t believe him that they should believe his works. What did Jesus’ works reveal about Jesus and God the Father? (10:38)

In verse 39, why did the Pharisees try to arrest Jesus? Why was Jesus able to escape arrest?

In verse 40, Jesus finally left Jerusalem. Where did Jesus go?

How did the people there respond to Jesus? Notice that John the Baptist didn’t do any signs. What was the mission of John the Baptist? Did John the Baptist fulfill his mission? (10:41-42)

Compare and contrast these people’s reaction to Jesus with how the Jewish religious leaders responded to Jesus. How do you account for this difference?

I recently talked to someone who claims to be a Christian but who does not believe that Jesus is God. Based on the first 10 chapters of John, what passages teach that Jesus is God, the God the Son?