

John 10:22-42 **Chanukkah in the Temple – I and My Father are One**

Chanukkah is the Hebrew word for Dedication

22 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

Are You the Messiah (Christ)

24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Evidence of Messiahship demonstrating that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 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 My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

Attempt to kill Jesus

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

Questioning their motive

32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

Blasphemy

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

Jesus Challenged their Judgment

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 the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? 37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

Strong hostility

39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

Jesus withdrew – Many believe the evidence

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. 41 Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." 42 And many believed in Him there. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Are You the Messiah (Christ)

✚ Jesus was in Solomon's Porch in the Temple in Jerusalem on **Chanukkah the Feast of Dedication**. [John 10:22-23]

✧ Chanukkah is in the time of winter.

Are You the Messiah (Christ)

✚ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." [John 10:24]

✧ The question was very direct.

✧ After all the times Jesus had clearly given the answer, still the Jews refusing to accept the truth feel it necessary to ask specifically if Jesus claims to actually be the Messiah all Israel is looking for.

Evidence of Messiahship demonstrating that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)

✚ Jesus answered them, "**I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.**" [John 10:25-30]

✧ The only reason the Jews have not accepted the truth of the Messiahship of Jesus, is their own choice to disbelieve which becomes evidence that they are not Jesus' sheep.

✧ They do not need to take Jesus at His word, because the miraculous signs are enough evidence to prove the truth. It was sufficient for John the Baptist. [Matthew 11:1-6, John 10:25-26]

✧ Those who belong to Jesus as His sheep **understand** the truth and **follow Jesus** and **receive Eternal Life**. [John 10:27-28]

✧ No one is able to snatch them out of the hand of Jesus. [John 10:28]

✧ They have been given to Jesus by the Father Who is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. [John 10:29]

✧ Jesus and the Father are one. [Isaiah 9:6, 63:16, John 10:30, Isaiah 44:8, 47:4]

✧ The identifying factor of those whom no one is able to snatch away is the evidence of their **believing obedience** to the commandments of Jesus. [John 14:15, 21, 23-24]

Attempt to kill Jesus

✚ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. [John 10:31]

Jesus Questioned their motive

✚ Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" [John 10:32]

Blasphemy

✚ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and **because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**"

✧ There is no doubt that the Jews fully understood that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God, and God.

✧ Human nature is swayed by choice, when confronted with the truth, we often will not believe it simply because we don't want to believe, the Jews are no different even today.

Jesus Challenged their Judgment

✚ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." [John 10:34-38]

✧ Even if you refuse to believe the word of Jesus, at least look at the evidence with an open mind.

Strong hostility

- ✚ Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. [\[John 10:39\]](#)
- ✧ Chosen hostility is not defeated by an honest call to reasoning. Even God said, "Come and let us reason together." [\[Isaiah 1:18\]](#)
- ✧ Men stubbornly refuse to reason or consider evidence, tenaciously clinging to their tradition and emotion.
- ✧ However they are not able to take Jesus until Jesus allows it to be so.

Jesus withdrew – Many believe the evidence

- ✚ And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. [\[John 10:40\]](#)
- ✧ The time is Chanukkah in the winter and Jesus came to die as the Passover Lamb which is three months away, so Jesus withdrew from Jerusalem to the place where John was baptizing at first.
- ✚ Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." And many believed in Him there. [\[John 10:41-42\]](#)
- ✧ Those who were able to recognize the evidence followed Jesus and believed in Him there.
- ✧ They saw that all the things that John had spoken about Jesus were true.

Are we willing to consider the evidence today and believe for our own Salvation? The choice is ours to make. Salvation is in Jesus for those who believe. Choose wisely.