

➤ Unit 10 - 2 (v 22-42): Jesus Is the Light of Men

A. Daily Study

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.”

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.

[📖] In-depth Questions

1. What's the Feast of Dedication? (v 22)
 - It's also known as Hanukkah or *Festival of Lights*;
 - See John 1:4-5, “In him was life, and the life was *the* light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
 - to commemorate the cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem after the Syrians had desecrated it under Antiochus Epiphanes

- Jesus came to cleanse our sins and make us righteous
2. Why did Jews keep pressing Jesus? (v 24)
 - They were wondering if Jesus is the Messiah (Christ)
 3. Why couldn't Jews believe Jesus was the Messiah? (v 26)
 - Because they did not belong to Jesus; They still belonged to the darkness
 - Jesus was the light as in John 8:12, "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'""
 4. What did Jesus do to His sheep? (v 28)
 - He gave them eternal life so that they would not perish; No one will snatch them out of His hand.
 5. Why would God protect the sheep who belong to Jesus? (v 29-30)
 - Because Father and Jesus are one God
 6. Why did Jews pick up stones to stone Jesus? (v 32) – See v 33
 - Jews thought Jesus was simply a man and did not recognize Jesus was God. Hence, they thought Jesus was blasphemy.
 7. Where is 'I said, you are gods' written? (v 34)
 - Psalm 82:6, "I said, 'You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High.'"
 8. Who would be gods in this context? (v 35)
 - People whom the Word of God came upon
 - The Word of God is Jesus (John 1:1)
 - Meaning, "Whoever believes in God (Son of God, Jesus) become children of God."
 9. How did Father God send Jesus? (v 36)
 - God consecrated and sent His Son, Jesus
 - Feast of Dedication is to commemorate the cleansing of the Temple after it was defiled by Syrians

10. Why should the Jews believe in Jesus? (v 37-38)

- Whatever Jesus did was good and righteous, which the Jews could not deny

11. Who is Jesus, after all? (v 38)

- He is the Son of God. The light of the world, who saves people in the darkness.

B. Today's Chal-Q

- ◆ Why should we believe in Jesus as the Son of God?

❖ **Today's Memory Verse**

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (ESV)