



GOSPEL *of* JOHN

" THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE "

John 10:22-42 Mad man or God man?

The issue of identity:

Who do you think you are?



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This passage highlights two basic questions dealing with the identity of Jesus.

Question 1 John 10:24
IS JESUS THE MESSIAH?

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Background: v22 places this section at the Feast of Dedication in December.

Why mention this detail?

1. John placing the significant teaching of Jesus in the context of Jewish Festivals: Passover, Tabernacles, and now Dedication.
2. The Feast of Dedication is Hanukkah, which commemorates the cleansing, and rededication of the temple - Jesus is the new Temple.

Responding to the Signs

Jesus' works (signs) and his words provide adequate evidence of his Messiahship that should cause us to respond in the present.

He is more concerned about their lack of belief and addresses that problem in verses 26-30.

Major theme of John: the sin of unbelief

We often see sin only as a moral code that we think we have or haven't broken.

Unbelief: A refusal to believe in Jesus despite, his works (the seven signs), his words, the witness from the Father.

Application Points:

1. Refusal to trust, to believe in Jesus salvation despite evidence?
2. Are there areas where we refuse to follow Jesus?
3. Challenge to BAR CODE CHRISTIANITY -
(Dallas Willard)

Verse 27 Jesus' sheep hear his voice.

Who are the sheep?

Verse 27: defines Jesus' sheep as those who obey his voice and follow him.

The Hebrew words for hear and obey are the same. The word that means "hear or listen," shema (pronounced "shmah")

Hebrew thinking stresses hearing as a physical action, a response
Western culture that stresses hearing as a mental activity.

THINK OF PARENTING! *taking heed, being obedient, doing what is asked.*

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Eternally Secure

Verse 27 assumes people following and obeying.

To the degree we follow and obey Christ we are "eternally secure."

No outside person or power can snatch us from the protective care of the Good Shepherd.

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Heb 7:25 able to save completely

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Jude 24 able to keep

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Col 3:1-4 our life is hidden with Christ in God

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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WE ARE TOTALLY SECURE IN CHRIST BUT WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAY-BY-DAY OBEDIENCE WITH GOD.

Phil 2:13 work out your own salvation....God works in you

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

Col 2:6-7 continue to live your lives in him

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

1 John 2:28 continue in him

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

1 John 2:19 if they had belonged to us, they would have remained

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

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Objection on Alpha: Jesus never claimed to be God.

This is a question that has been repeated many times since: How did Jesus see himself? Did Jesus make himself to be God, did Jesus claim to be God?

Verses 34-38 present Jesus' answer to that question.

Jesus and the Father

When Jesus states in verse 30 that he and the **Father are one**, the Jews want to **stone him** to death.

The root issue in the conflict then (and now) between the Jews and the followers of Jesus concerned his relationship with the Father.

Jesus responds by quoting part of Psalm 82:6, "I said, `You (all) are gods, and sons of the Most High, all of you."

If the Old Testament could refer to its hearers, who receive the word of God, as gods or sons of God then Jesus could surely call himself Son of God. After all, the Father had sent him into the world.

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John 10:40-42 - Summary Statement

As we stand near the end of Jesus' ministry John reaffirms the two basic issues of this gospel.

verse 41 Jesus' identity is confirmed
verse 42 many believed in Jesus.

Conclusion:

The message of Jesus in this passage is one that gives us confidence.

CONFIDENCE IN THE MESSENGER

(a call to put our faith in Him, repent & believe)

CONFIDENCE IN THE MESSAGE

(eternal life, set free)

CONFIDENCE IN THE CALLING

(eternal calling to follow in obedience)

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