

John 10:22-42

Verses 22-23

Feast of Dedication (currently known as Hanukkah). This celebrates and commemorates the rededication of the temple in 164 B.C. Jerusalem had been overtaken and captured by the Greek leader Antiochus Epiphanes IV. He had conquered Jerusalem and in 167 B.C. desecrated the temple by erecting a statue of Zeus and sacrificing a pig on the altar. During what is known as the Maccabean Revolt, the Jews fought against the enemy and retook Jerusalem. They rededicated the temple in 164 B.C and this is what the Feast of Dedication would be remembering.

Portico of Solomon: The portico of Solomon was a covered colonnade located off the east side of the temple. This section was named after King Solomon who built the first temple. The covering allowed some shelter from the weather that other parts of the temple did not offer. This area was a place where rabbis frequently taught their students. There are several events that are recorded to have taken place at the portico of Solomon.

- **John 10:22-42** (Feast of Dedication)
- **Acts 3** (Peter speaks after healing the lame beggar)
- **Acts 5:12-16** (gathering of believers).

Verse 24

The Jews gathered around Jesus and were asking Jesus to tell them plainly if He was the Messiah. He has labored the fact that He is Messiah, but they did not believe. Jesus will then tell them why they don't believe in following verses.

Verse 25

The works that Christ does are a witness that He is sent from the Father (**John 5:36**) and that He has the seal (**John 6:27**) of the Father upon Him.

Verse 26 The reason they don't believe is because they are not His sheep. Only His sheep believe.

John 6:36-40, 44, 65 But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

Acts 13:48 When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of ^athe Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His ^aonly begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Verses 27-29 -The certainty of the actions on the sheep and of the sheep.

- **The shepherd effectually calls His sheep and His sheep hear His voice (effectual call)**
 - **Romans 8:29-30** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
 - **2 Timothy 1:9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,
 - **2 Thess 2:13-14** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you ^afrom the beginning for salvation ^bthrough sanctification ^cby the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, ^dthat you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **Revelation 17:14** These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."

- **He knows the sheep- personal** (Foreknows in election- **Romans 8:29-30**)
 - He writes His sheep's name in the Lamb's book of Life before the foundation of the world (**Rev 13:8,17:8**).
- **He gives eternal life to His sheep**
 - He gives eternal life to His sheep only. He lays down His life the sheep only. There is a connection between those whom He dies for and those who He gives eternal life. This speaks to limited atonement/definite atonement.
 - **Acts 13:48** When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of ^[a]the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.
 - **John 6:47** Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.
 - **John 17:1-3** Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, ²even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to ^[a]all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. ³This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
 - **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - **1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- **The sheep will never perish- perseverance of the saints, eternal security.**
 - The Father gives the sheep to the Son (**John 6:37-40**). No sheep will ever be snatched out of the hands of God.
 - We are not arrogant and confident in ourselves to persevere, but rather are confident and trust in the Good Shepherds ability to hold on to His sheep. He holds us!
 - **John 6:37-40** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."
 - **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His ^[a]only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
 - **Jude 1** Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of ^[b]James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:
 - **Jude 24-25** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and ^[a]forever. Amen.
 - **1 Peter 1:1-5** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, ^[a]to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace ^[b]be yours in the fullest measure. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
 - **Romans 8:29-39**

Verse 30 Jesus declares His deity. Jesus is God. This speaks to the triune nature of God.

- **John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²^[a]He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life? Who did the Father give to the Son? Who did the Son fulfill the righteousness requirement of the Law for? Who did the Shepherd lay His life down for? Who does the High Priest intercede for? Who does the Shepherd effectually call? Who hears the voice of the Shepherd? Who comes to the Shepherd? Who follows the Shepherd? Who does He give eternal life to? Who does the Shepherd hold in His hands with eternal security? The answer to all those questions is: the sheep, the elect of God. What confidence does the sheep have that they will one day be forever with their Shepherd? That confidence is not in ourselves, not in our own goodness, and not in our own abilities. Our confidence is in the Shepherd as He promises that He holds His sheep and He will never let go and nothing can remove us from His hands. We are secure because He is holding us. The same arms and hands that hold the universe, the same arms that were stretched out on a cross, the same hands that were nailed to the cross for His sheep are the same arms and hands that hold His sheep forever! He is the Good Shepherd!

Verse 31

The Jews again are furious with the words of Jesus as he again claims deity which they believe is blasphemous.

Verses 32-33

His works testify that He is from His Father and yet they don't believe. He asks them which of His works they are stoning Him for. They state that they are not stoning Him because of good works, but for blasphemy as He is declaring to be God.

They accuse Him of being a man making Himself to be God. However, they had it backwards. He was God who made Himself to be a man. This speaks to the hypostatic union and the two nature of God: Divine and Human (vera homo vera deus)

- **Phil 2:5-11** Have this attitude ^[a]in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be ^[b] grasped, ⁷ but ^[c] emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death ^[d] on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and ^[a] dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of ^[b] the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verses 34-38

They accuse Jesus of blasphemy secondary to His claim to be God. He quotes from **Psalm 82:6** where judges were referred to as "gods" (other verses include **Exodus 21:6, 22:7-8**) because they were placed by God to exercise authority and judgment. God appointment all positions of leadership, rule, and authority and all will be held accountable and stand in judgment before the true Judge. Jesus is saying that if the word "god" was used to describe judges, then they should not look at the name and title He is professing as they aren't believing that, but they should look to the works that He is doing. His works show and testify that He is sent from God the Father and that He Himself is the Son of God. His works validate His claim that He is who He said He is: God

Verses 39-42

They tried to seize Him again, but they were unsuccessful because His hour had not yet come. Jesus went to the place to where John the Baptist was baptizing. John the Baptist was the forerunner for Christ. The area that John the Baptist began His ministry will be the last place Jesus stayed before He went to Jerusalem to die. Some remember the words and testimony of John the Baptist concerning Jesus and how his claims were true. As a result, many believed in Jesus in this area where John the Baptist proclaimed the news of the coming Messiah.

The Jews claimed that Jesus was a man claiming to be God. However, He was the eternal God who humbled Himself, took on flesh, and became truly man. In the incarnation, the invisible God became visible and exegeted the Father. What Jesus was exegeting is the personal love God has for His sheep!