

The Great Shepherd's Claims

John 10:22-42

1. *Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Feast of Dedication*

- a. It was winter
- b. He was walking in Solomon's colonnade
- c. The religionists approached and questioned Him

2. *Claim 1: He is the Messiah*

- a. Religionists did not believe
 - 1) His claim was clear
 - 2) His works were proof
 - 3) Reason: The religionists were not of His sheep
- b. His sheep believe
 - 1) Are receptive
 - 2) Are known
 - 3) Are followers, v. 27
 - 4) Are given life
 - 5) Are kept from perishing
 - 6) Are secure
 - 7) Are assured a double security in God Himself

3. *Claim 2: He is one with God, that is, He is God Himself*

- a. The religionists reacted
- b. Jesus questioned their reaction
- c. The religionists admitted that His works were good
- d. The religionists understood His claim, but they rejected Him

22 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,

23 and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade.

24 The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,

26 But you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and the Father are one."

31 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him,

32 But Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

33 "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

4. Claim 3: He is the Son of God

a. Jesus showed man's inconsistency

b. Jesus' claim

- 1) The Father sanctified Him, set Him apart
- 2) The Father sent Him
- 3) He is the Son of God

5. Claim 4: God is in Him and He is in God – absolutely

a. His works are proof

b. He was still rejected

6. Conclusion: Jesus retired

a. Jesus went to the area where John had baptized

b. John's crowds began to follow Jesus

c. Many believed in Jesus

34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"

35 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came - and the Scripture cannot be broken -

36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?

37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.

38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

39 Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

40 Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed

41 And many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true."

42 And in that place many believed in Jesus.