

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for September 17-18, 2005

"Tell Us Who You Are"

John 10:22-30

In John 10:22-42, Jesus responded to the Jews' demand that He tell them who He was.

Jesus first of all told the Jews in essence that He was the Christ (John 10:22-30).

The Feast of the Dedication was a yearly eight day Jewish celebration commemorating the capture and rededication of the temple by Judas Maccabeus in 64 BC.

The word "gathered around" (KYKLOO) literally means "circle in on Him" (Luke 21:20).

The phrase "how long will you keep us in suspense?" could be translated "how long will you annoy us?" which in light of this context would be the better translation.

The Jews who were antagonistic toward Jesus challenged Him to tell them plainly if He was the Christ.

When Jesus said, "I told you," He was not referring to an explicit statement but rather He was referring to the sum total of His works, which bore witness to the fact that He was the Christ (John 7:31).

The reason why these Jews did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah was because they were not one of His sheep (John 10:26-27).

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When Christ's sheep hear His voice and believe His words, they receive the gift of eternal life (John 10:28).

When Jesus said that His sheep would never perish He was promising that His sheep would never be in danger of participating in God's final judgment described in Revelation 20:11-15.

His sheep will not perish because Christ's sheep, who have been entrusted to Him by His Father, cannot be snatched out of His hand (John 6:34-40).

When Jesus said that His Father was greater than all, He was simply saying that there was no power arrayed against His sheep that was greater than the power that His Father possesses.

Jesus saw Himself as so closely linked with His Father that His sheep were not simply protected by His hand but also by his Father's hand.

The word "one" is the neuter "HEN" rather than the masculine "HEIS." This means that Jesus was saying that He was one with His Father in action rather than in person.

God is very tightfisted when it comes to the security of His sheep. We can therefore, having received the gift of life through faith in Christ, know that we shall never perish.