

Jesus Goes to the Feast of Dedication John 10:22-42

Three months had elapsed since Jesus had been in Jerusalem for the Feast of _____, during which He spent His time teaching about His person and mission. This message was met with hostility and unbelief. Since then, Jesus has been in ministry in the hill country of Judea and Perea, and some of the largest crowds came to Him at this time. Now Jesus returns to Jerusalem for the Feast of _____ and immediately conflict with the Religious Leaders arises again. He will return to many of the same subjects of His person and mission. The Book of John gives us this brief teaching and interaction, and the people's continued rejection.

Feast of Tabernacles:

Feast of Dedication:

I. Question

“And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was _____.²³ And Jesus walked in the temple in _____ porch. ²⁴Then came the Jews round about him (Gk - _____), and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt (Lit. - _____)? If thou be the Christ, tell us _____.” John 10:22-24

II. Answer

“Jesus answered them, I _____ you, and ye believed not: the _____ that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. ²⁶But ye believe not, _____ ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. ²⁷My sheep _____ my voice, and I _____ them, and they _____ me: ²⁸And I give unto them _____; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man

pluck (Lit. - _____) them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, which gave them me, is _____ than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and my Father are _____." John 10:25-30

Why they don't believe:

"Eternal life" –

"I am my Father are one." –

III. Reaction

"Then the Jews took up stones _____ to stone him." John 10:31

IV. De-escalation

"Jesus answered them, Many good (Lit. - _____) works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? ³³The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a _____, makest thyself God. ³⁴Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? ³⁵If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken (Lit. - _____);" John 10:32-35

"Many good works have I showed you from my Father" –

"Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came" –

V. Challenge

“Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified (Lit. - _____), and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I _____ the Son of God? ³⁷If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. ³⁸But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the _____: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is _____ me, and I _____ him.” John 10:36-38

“the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world,.....I am the Son of God” –

“believe the works: that ye man know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him.” -

VI. Reaction

“Therefore they sought _____ to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,” John 10:39

VII. Retreat

“And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where _____ at first baptized; and there he abode. ⁴¹And many resorted unto him, and said, _____ did no miracle: but all things that _____ spake of this man were true. ⁴²And _____ believed on him there.” John 10:40-42

“beyond Jordan” –

John’s testimony of Jesus continued:

“many believed on him there” –

Believers’ Application:

Let’s remind ourselves more about John the Baptist’s ministry. Let’s read about some of those things he had told the people of this area about Jesus and His person! **Read John 1:19-34.** You know, three years later, the people remembered those statements, and they believed in Jesus.

- They understood the phrase, “**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**” –

- But the people also remembered and understood the phrase of John the Baptist, **“I saw, and bear record that this is the Son of God.”**

How about you? Have you come to believe that Jesus is the **Son of God**? Have you agreed with God about your need for Jesus to die to take away your sins? You too must hear and believe the simple ABCs of Salvation:

A – Admit you are a sinner - “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” Romans 3:23

B – Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died for your sins - “But God commendedth (Lit. - demonstrated) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

C – Confess your faith and surrender your life to Jesus! “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.” Romans 10:9-11

Those of you who know Jesus as your Savior, are you being an influencer for Jesus to those around you? Are you salt and light? Is your testimony, like that of John the Baptist, influencing others to believe in Him? Let’s be that kind of influencer! **Read Matthew 5:13-16**