

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

JESUS: A MERE MAN OR THE MESSIAH?

John 10:22-42

Main Thought: In John 10:22-42, we are once again confronted with the question of whether or not to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

1. THE FESTIVAL OF _____ . (vv 22-24)

2. JESUS' WORDS AND WORKS _____ THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH. (vv 25-30)

1) His words and _____ .

2) The _____ of the Jewish religious leaders reveals they are not Jesus' sheep.

3) Assurance for genuine _____ .

4) "I and the _____ are one"

3. JESUS _____ HIMSELF AGAINST THE CHARGE OF BLASPHEMY. (vv 31-42)

1) For claiming to be God, Jesus is _____ of blasphemy.

2) In the Old Testament, _____ men were called "gods" for serving as judges and doing God's work. (Ps 82:6)

3) Jesus once again calls for people to believe in Him as the _____ on the basis of His works.

4) A familiar theme: many _____ Jesus but some believed.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 10:22-42 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.
2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?
3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?
4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?
5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?
6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Three months have gone by since the end of the Feast of Tabernacles. What has Jesus been up to?
8. What is the Festival of Dedication all about?
9. What is Jesus asked? How did He respond?
10. Why don't the Jewish religious leaders believe in Jesus?
11. What assurances does Jesus give His sheep?
12. What startling claim does Jesus make in verse 30? What does it mean?
13. How do the religious leaders respond to Jesus' claim?
14. How does Jesus defend Himself against the charge of blasphemy? How does the quote from Psalm 82:6 fit in?
15. On what basis does Jesus make one final appeal to these folks to believe in Him? How do His works support His claim?
16. Where did Jesus go after this incident? What happened there?