

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught Joh 10:17-21 by way of an analysis of the *Doctrine of Angels the Devil and Demons* and when the clock tolled 7:45 we were about to begin an analysis of Joh 10:22-30.
2. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. If you want to hear an audio presentation of this lesson please go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and click on *streaming audio of services*.
4. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 10:22-30 where Jesus asserts his deity. I want to break these verses down for a better analysis.

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Joh 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

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Joh 10:22 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter.

1. Today, this Jewish Feast of Dedication is perhaps better known as Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights.
2. This winter holiday is an eight-day festival observed starting on the 25th of Kislev, which occurs in late November or December depending on the lunisolar Jewish calendar.
3. During the Feast of Dedication, Jews celebrate the dedication of the second temple as recorded in the books of First and Second Maccabees in the time between the Old and New Testaments.
4. The history behind this holiday begins in 198 BC when the Syrian empire with King Antiochus III took over Judea and Samaria. Antiochus III was fairly tolerant of the Jews and allowed them to continue to live according to their custom.
5. However, in 175 BC, his son Antiochus IV ascended to the throne. In 168 BC, he massacred many Jews, outlawed Judaism, and looted the temple.

6. The following year, in 167 BC, Antiochus IV went so far as to erect an altar to Zeus in the temple and defile it by sacrificing pigs there. The remaining Jews were horrified, so Judah Maccabee (meaning Judah "the Hammer") led a revolt.

7. In 165 BC, Judah Maccabee and his followers were successful in recapturing the temple and began the Hasmonean Jewish kingdom, which lasted until 63 BC when Jerusalem fell to Roman rule.

8. When Judah Maccabee recaptured the temple, he ordered it to be cleansed, a new altar to be built, and new holy vessels to be made. After these steps, the temple was rededicated to the Lord. However, unadulterated, undefiled, pure olive oil with the seal of the high priest was needed for the menorah (or lampstand) in the temple,

9. The menorah was required to burn throughout the night every night. Unfortunately, only one flask was found with only enough oil to burn for one day.

10. Yet when the Jews poured in the oil and lit the menorah, it burned for eight days! Of course, eight days is the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of kosher oil for the menorah. It is this miracle that is commemorated during the Feast of Dedication.

11. Today, this festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum (or menorah) with nine branches, called a *hanukkiyah*. Each night, one candle is lit by the special *shamash* candle until all eight other candles are lit on the final night of the holiday remembering the eight days the oil lasted at the rededication of the second temple.

12. The recitation of Psa 30:1-12 is also an important part of the Feast of Dedication because of its themes of God-given victory over enemies and the replacement of mourning and sorrow with hope and joy. Other Hanukkah festivities include playing dreidel and eating oil-based foods such as doughnuts and latkes.

13. The Feast of Dedication has been observed for thousands of years celebrating God's protection and the victory He gives His faithful people who are willing to bravely continue to worship Him in the face of persecution.

14. Since it is also referred to as the Festival of Lights, let us remember that Jesus declared himself "Light of the World" in Joh 8:12; and Rev 21:23.

15. In the New Jerusalem there is no need for sun or moon to shine, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is "the Lamb." The reigning Christ will give light to all.

Jesus Asserts His Deity

1. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 10:23-25.

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Joh 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Joh 10:24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, **I told you, and ye believed not:** the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

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Joh 10:23 and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade.

Joh 10:24 The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered, "**I did tell you, but you do not believe.** The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,

1.1 Let's see where Jesus told them He was the Christ, their Jewish Messiah.

2. There is no doubt Jesus was the Messiah King and the Son of God.

Joh 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, **Dost thou believe on the Son of God?**

Joh 9:36 **He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?**

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.**

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Joh 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these things," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"

Joh 10:35 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came-- and the scripture cannot be broken,

Joh 10:36 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'?**

Joh 10:37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.

Joh 10:38 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."

Joh 5:22 Moreover, **the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,**

Joh 5:23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Joh 5:25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

Joh 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Joh 4:25 The woman said, **"I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming.** When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Joh 4:26 Then Jesus declared, **"I who speak to you am he."**

Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **Jesus expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luk 24:44 And **Jesus said** unto them, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**"

Joh 5:39 "**Search the scriptures;** for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are **they which testify of me ...**

Joh 5:46 For had you had believed Moses, you would have believed me; for Moses wrote of me."

Joh 5:47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall you believe my words?"

Luk 4:20 And after reading Isa 61:1-2 in part Jesus closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luk 4:21 And then **Jesus said to them, "This day is Isa 61:1-2 fulfilled in your ears."**

Isa 61:1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;**
Isa 61:2 **To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;**

3. Now let's see how Jesus uses sheep and shepherds to teach the Scribes.

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Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

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Joh 10:26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

Joh 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

1. On April the 22nd we studied The Shepherd's Psalm; I think it suffices to simply recite that wonderful Psalm.

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2. Jesus speaks of a believer's salvation.

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Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 I and my Father are one.

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Joh 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

1. I think the best way to teach these verses is to review the *Doctrine of Our Blessed Assurance*.

Our Blessed Assurance

1. At salvation God gives us many things.

2. In my study-book entitled *At Salvation Gifts*, I listed 44 things God provides to the believer at point of regeneration.

3. What will follow is the listing of these wonderful gifts.

4. What did God give us at the moment of our salvation? Follow along with me:

4.1 As objects of God's love we received everlasting life

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

4.2 Indwelling of the Father

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

4.3 Indwelling of Christ

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

4.4 Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1Co 6:19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

4.5 Filling of the Holy Spirit

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

4.6 Spiritual Rebirth

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (*a reference to physical birth—amniotic fluid*) and of the Spirit (*spiritual rebirth*), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

4.7 Human Spirit

Joh 3:6 "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

4.8 System of Spiritual Dynamics

1Co 2:9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"...

1Co 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

4.9 Calling of God

1Th 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

4.10 Election of God

1Th 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

4.11 Ministry of Reconciliation

2Co 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

4.12 Redemption

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

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