

Reflection Questions: How is the Light of Jesus shining through me to my friends and neighbors this Christmas season? How can I be more intentional in sharing Christ with others? Do I hear and obey Jesus' voice? Am I actively following Him? How does this show itself in my daily life?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



John 10:22-42

Sermon
Notes

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Quotes to Ponder

Non-Christians seem to think that the Incarnation implies some particular merit or excellence in humanity. But of course it implies just the reverse: a particular demerit and depravity. No creature that deserved Redemption would need to be redeemed. They that are whole need not the physician.

Christ died for men precisely because men are not worth dying for; to make them worth it.

C.S. Lewis

The really critical 'sanctification,' the crucial setting something or someone aside for God's exclusive use, was the setting aside of the pre-incarnate Son to the work of the mission on which He was even then engaged. In this way Jesus outstrips and fulfills this Feast (Hanukkah) as He has the others.

D.A. Carson

The 'hand of Christ' (John 10:28) is beneath us, and the 'hand' of the Father is above us. Thus are we secured between the clasped hands of Omnipotence! No strong passage in all the Word of God can be found guaranteeing the absolute security of every child of God.

Arthur Pink

But to us all, whatever our special views or conclusions may be, Christ is the true Temple, and His incarnation the real Dedication of the Temple. God grant that from our homes the true Light of Christ, 'a light to lighten the Gentiles,' may shine forth into the wintry darkness of the heathen world, and also 'so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.'

Alfred Edersheim

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What is the *Feast of Dedication* (*John 10:22*) and why is it important?

Why would Jesus celebrate this feast?

3. God's presence in the Temple had been missing for hundreds of years. With that in mind, why is the presence of Jesus in the Temple at Hanukkah important?

4. Why is Jesus asked in *John 10:24*, *How long will You keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.*

5. What had Jesus already told them in the following verses?

John 5:18-23 —

John 8:29 —

John 5:39 —

John 8:42 —

John 6:38 —

John 8:56-58 —

John 6:47-51 —

John 9:37 —

John 7:28-29 —

John 10:14-18 —

John 8:18-19 —

6. Why might Jesus have been reluctant to say plainly that He was the promised Anointed One, the Messiah, of the Old Testament?

7. What *works* had Jesus done to testify to who He is (*John 10:25*)?

8. What reason(s) does Jesus give for the Jewish leaders not believing Him when He told them who He was (*John 10:25-26*)?

9. How are Jesus' sheep different from those who are not of His flock (*John 10:25-27*)?

10. Read *John 10:28-29*. What do these verses teach?

Does this teaching negate our responsibility to live a holy life? Explain.

11. What did Jesus mean by His statement in *John 10:30*?

12. Did the Jews understand what Jesus was claiming in *John 10:30*?

13. What do *John 10:24*, *31*, and *39* tell us about the intention of the Jews who approached Jesus?

14. What is the proper response to the claims of Jesus (*John 10:27*, *42*)?