

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 10:22-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“His Sheep Shall Never Perish”**

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

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**John 10:22-30**

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## **His Sheep Shall Never Perish**

**1.) *Jesus is Christ***

**vv. 22-24**

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**a.) His Timing and Place**

**V.22-23**

Now it was the Feast of (lights) Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. **23** And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son

Between 10:21 and 22 is a space of time of about two and a half months of time The Feast of Dedication fell on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Chislev. Which corresponds to the Grecian Calendar December 25<sup>th</sup>

## The Jewish People Longed for the Coming of the Messiah.

Israel had been ravaged by foreign nations and looked for deliverance.

In the 160's B.C Judas Maccabeus Launched a revolt against Antiochus Epiphanies (God among Men) He erected an idol of Jupiter and sacrificed a pig on the Altar and made the Old Testament scriptures Illegal to read. He forced the priest to eat pork and murdered thousands of Jews. - Judas Maccabeus Led what was to be Called The Maccabean Revolt.

This Judas Maccabeus

Cleansed and purged the Temple in Jerusalem and Rededicated The Temple Back to God. **This celebration was called Hanukah**

Judas Maccabeus was Considered by Many of the Jews To be the Messiah – Later their Hopes had been Removed

**b.) Jesus is Direct**

**v.24**

24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

## They're Referring Back to Last Week's Study

### "The Jews"

They listened to every word He said – but they never heard Him!

It's very possible to listen to the things of God but never hear what is really being said.

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not **hearers** (just a listener) only, deceiving yourselves.

Everyday I am convinced that God

wants to say something to me. I can choose to listen and hear or I can deceive myself into thinking that my token devotion to God is O.K. – "His grace will cover it, I'll confess a sin or two and I'll feel fine."

But is that a fair and balanced relationship?

He wants to speak with me –  
but do I want to speak with Him?

If we say yes, then why do we seem to just get-by in our relationship with God? We squeak out an existence with Him?

2 Timothy 3:5-7

having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

## Insurance Against Being Like Them

2 Corinthians 13:5

We are to **Examine** (self examining / assay) ourselves as to whether we are in the faith.  
**Test** (discern in the presence of truth) ourselves.

## These Listeners Were in Great Eternal Danger

John 8:43

"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

This Past Week, What Has God Been Telling You?  
(Regarding Your Problems, Job, Health, Relationships, Your Vision)

**!! What is He Saying From His Word & Worship!!**

### **Verse 24**

Just "tell us plainly"

**You're not satisfying us the way we expect**

*When will you lift off the yoke of Rome*

They Were Accusing Jesus of Toying with Them  
and Not Telling Them the Truth

### **Luke 7:19-22**

And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 20 When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" 21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

**His Sheep Shall Never Perish**

**2.) *Jesus is the Witness***

**vv. 25**

**25** Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

## There is a direct correlation here

Those who will not believe – will always be in doubt and will become critical of God

**a.) *They would not believe His Message***

**v.25**

"I told you, and you do not believe.

2 Timothy 3:5,7

having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 7  
always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:16

there are those who are willfully untaught and unstable people, who to their own destruction, wrestle with the Scriptures.

**b.) *They would not believe His Works***

**v.25**

The works that I do in My Father's name,  
they bear witness of Me.

If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

## The Unity of The Godhead Like Father Like Son

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead (the unity) bodily;

**witness** grk 3140 martureo (mar-too-reh'-o);  
to be under oath, to testify, to bear record to the facts

John 14:8-9

Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

This is the Christian Walk, To  
to be under oath, to testify, to bear record to the facts

Pray for Opportunities - Then Watch for Them

## **His Sheep Shall Never Perish**

**3.) *Jesus is the Savior***

**vv.26-27**

26 "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

**If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."**

**Notice**

that Jesus is declaring that Salvation is solely based upon  
Him and you knowing Him personally.

It's Like So Many People Who Say... I Know So and So  
When in reality, you don't know So and So at all.  
The Real Proof is if So and So says he knows you!

**a.) *He Expects People to Believe***

**v.26**

**"But you do not believe,  
because you are not of My sheep**

# The Word "But" Here

Is Implying That "You Should Believe, That it is Reasonable for You to Believe That it is a Normal and Logical Thing to Believe!

What Do You Believe (you believing something doesn't make it right, - but believing in what is right, is right)

If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

## His Sheep Trust and Believe in Him

**b.) *He Knows Those Who Believe***

**v.27**

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,  
and they follow Me.

## My sheep hear My voice

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

# REMEMBERING

# THE PUBLIC SHEEPFOLD AGAIN

John 10:2-3

"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

**c.) *Those Who Believe Know Him***

**v.27**

**they** follow Me

THE PROOF OF TRUE CONVERSION – *is that you follow Him!*

# Come Follow Me, TODAY January 14, 2001

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Luke 5:27

After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."

Matthew 4:21-22

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

What About My Job, My Plans,  
I've Got Classes in the Morning

**IS GOD ALLOWED  
TO INTERRUPT YOUR LIFE?**

### His Sheep Follow

Sheep Have Never Done Well On The Obstacle Courses

Sheep Can't Climb Ropes, Sheep Can't Scale Walls,  
Sheep Can't Row a Boat

But sheep follow, they love to follow, you can watch em' follow

### Sheep Follow Because They're Sheep

The shepherd never says "Hey, You've Learned How to Follow Pretty Good – I Now Declare  
You a Sheep – Sheep Status is Not Earned, It's Given

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

*Here we must combine the two verses  
to drive home the Point*

Formal religion, church affiliation and Legalism  
Often hinders a person from coming to salvation in Jesus Christ.

They are In the Church – But they are not of the Church

They Have No Real Spiritual Power and Godly Influence, but they own a Bible

Matthew 13:18-22

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

...and people say “Oh Look, He’s Backsliding – He’s a  
Backslidden Christian”

**That’s Not True**

- You First Have Had to Frontslide before You could Backslide
  - You first must be converted and saved to backslide
  - A Backslidden Christian is a Child of God Living in Sin
  - But There Are Those Who Are Not Christians At All
  - They look like Christians, they smell like Christians,

- But they don't last like Christians

Matthew 7:20-23

"Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not **witnessed to people** in Your name, **gone on missions outreaches** in Your name, **joined the worship team** and **tithe money** in Your name?'

Matthew 7:23

"And then I (Jesus) will declare to them,  
 'I never (Never, No Never) knew you;  
 Not "I Once Knew You or We Use to Be Close and Now We're Not  
 HE SAYS I NEVER, NEVER, NEVER - DID I EVER KNOW YOU

Hebrews 6:4-6

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

## These Were Never Christians

(these people never backslid because they had never been converted, because they only associated themselves with the things of God, because they never saw to it to know God personally)

### His Sheep Shall Never Perish

4.) *He Freely Gives Eternal Life*

vv. 28

28 "And I give **them** eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**a.) He is the Giver of Eternal Life**

**v.28**

And I give them eternal life

The Question Was...  
**If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."**

Jesus Christ Has The Absolute Authority  
Over the "Giving of Eternal Life"

"...that God has given us eternal life,  
and this life is in His Son."

It's a Free Gift Given  
**Based upon the promises of God**  
**- But How Did God Keep His Salvation Promise?**

**Theology 1a**  
Jesus Died For You Because You Needed  
Salvation  
Jesus Died For **God** Because God Made The  
Promise

Romans 6:23  
...the gift of **God** is eternal life **in Christ** Jesus our Lord.

**b.) He is the Guarantor of Eternal Life**

**v.28**

and they shall never perish;

and they shall (double negative in the Greek) Never, No Never perish

## Jesus Solely Guarantees Our Salvation

**The Contrast is this**

The unconverted shall forever perish  
Or be in an eternal state of dying

**and they shall never perish;**

The Question Was...

**If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."**

...And I give them five years, thirty six years,  
I give them ninety nine years...

**c.) He is the Guardian of Eternal Life**

**v.28**

neither shall anyone snatch them out of **My hand.**

NO ONE CAN CHANGE THIS FACT  
THAT THE BELIEVER IS ABSOLUTELY SECURE IN CHRIST

John 6:37

**"All** that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will  
**by no means** cast out.

John 6:44

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him  
up at the last day.

John 5:24

I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **has** everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but **has** passed from death into life.

## And it's Eternal Life

John 3:15

"whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have (temporary—probationary) ? - - eternal life!!!

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the **uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Uttermost grk 3838 panteles (pan-tel-ace');  
to the full-ended, the entire journey. To go all the way to completion

to go boldly where no man has ever  
gone before

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.  
12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.  
13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

## Jesus, One with the Father

**5.) We Are Kept by God Himself**

**vv. 29-30**

29 "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. 30 "I and My Father are one."

The Question Was...  
**If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."**

**a.) There is No Greater Authority v.28**

"My Father, who has given *them* to Me,  
is greater than all;

**b.) There is No Greater Power v.29**

and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

**no one is able**

**snatch** grk 726 harpazo (har-pad'-zo);  
to seize them with violent force. To take them away, to pluck them, to steal them.

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? - Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that **neither** death **nor** life, **nor** angels **nor** principalities **nor** powers, **nor** things present **nor** things to come, **nor** height **nor** depth, **nor** any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

**c.) There is No Greater Bond v.30**

"I and My (THE) Father are one."

In context the meaning is this;

**We are "One" in Saving Power**

According to the Jehovah's Witnesses  
They were one in purpose and mission

This is not one in purpose or mission.  
It is not one in vision or desire or agreement

**It is One in Essence and Nature**

Hebrews 13:8

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,**  
(back past the vanishing point) **today,** (the very now) **and forever**  
(forward beyond the vanishing point).

The Question Was...  
**If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."**

**Jesus' Hand & Father's Hand  
Makes Our Salvation Goof Proof**

The (Sheep) Believer Has These New Nature  
Characteristics At Work Within

#1

they're Responsive - "they hear His voice"

#2

they Fellowship - "I know them"

#3

they're Obedient - "they follow Me"

#4

They're Alive – I give them eternal life”

#5

They Have Assurance – “They shall never Perish”

#6

They're Secure – “No One shall snatch them out of My hand”

**Next Week**

***“Jesus Christ is God”***

John 10:31-42