

STUDY #28
The Opposition
John 10: 22-42

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Introduction

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

1. → Read verses 22--24 - Setting the Scene

Where is Jesus now?

What feast is taking place?

What season is it now?

Who confronted Jesus? What were they ready to do to Jesus?

What did they demand that Jesus tell them?

2. → Read verses 25-27

What three points did Jesus make in His answer to the Jews?

Why didn't the Jews believe in Jesus, according to verse 27?

3. → Read verses 27-30

Again, Jesus talks about His sheep. Make a list of the promises Jesus' sheep have in these verses.

4. → Read verses 30-33

What shocking statement did Jesus make in verse 30, and what was the response of the Jews?

In verse 32, Jesus says, "I have shown you many good works from the Father, for which of them are you going to stone me?" What was the response of the Jews?

→ Read verses 37-39

What purpose do the works and miracles of Jesus serve?

What was the response of the Jews this time to Jesus' word

TEACHING NOTES

1. THE QUESTION

2. THE RESPONSE

3. THE CONFRONTATION ESCALATES

4. JESUS' RETURN TO ACROSS THE JORDAN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - Going Deeper

1. → Read verses 22-24

In these verses, the Jewish leaders are once again trying to pin Jesus down on who He says He really is.

Think back to your life before you became a believer.

Share:

What did you think when people talked about Jesus?

What did you know about the Gospel, and how was it shared with you?

If you are not a believer, and feel comfortable, do you have any questions you would like to ask?

2. → Read these verses

John 10: 25-30

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

This is the clearest Biblical passage giving assurance of that a true believer's salvation can never, ever be lost.

→ Read these verses

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 3:3

3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Discuss what it means to you to have eternal Salvation, that can never be lost.

What does it mean to be hidden in Christ?

3. → Read these verses

John 10:40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. 41 And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” 42 And many believed in him there.

Jesus's days on earth were coming to an end. This is last place Jesus came to stay before He left for Jerusalem and His crucifixion. Perhaps He needed peace and quiet away from the hostilities He had been facing.

In this season of your life, what does it look like for you to retreat to have peace and quiet with the Lord?
Is this a challenge for you?
How can you use Jesus' model of being “refreshed” in your life?

There is no one perfect way to have quiet time, but share some practical ideas with each other about how to do this.

If there is time, share any prayer requests that might come from this study.

John 10:22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” **25** Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one.”

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. **32** Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” **33** The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” **34** Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? **35** If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— **36** do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? **37** If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; **38** but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” **39** Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. **41** And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” **42** And many believed in him there.