

Jesus: One With The Father

John 10:22-42

Introduction: And so we come to *verses 22-42* of John chapter 10. Jesus is still continuing to stake His claim as the true shepherd and Redeemer of Israel by claiming that He and God the Father are One—and the Pharisees are still groping in the darkness—as blind as ever in their unbelief. We'll dig deep into the text by studying five themes.

Theme 1: The Confrontation (vs. 22-24)

The Pharisees didn't lack understanding because they lacked information. The issue on the table was that they lacked two essential elements that would have instantly healed them of their disbelief—repentance and faith.

Theme 2: The Claim (vs. 25-31)

Jesus again claims that He is God and meets the Pharisees unbelief head-on with the indictment that they do not believe because they are not a part of the Shepherd's flock. The Jews did not believe in Jesus because they deliberately rejected Him. But it is also true that God is sovereign and will not relinquish His role in calling and protecting His elect. *For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."* - Romans 9:15

Theme 3: The Charge (vs. 32-33)

You would think that the coming of Israel's long awaited Messiah would be the BEST NEWS EVER! But again, the reaction of the Pharisees is to proclaim an official charge against Jesus, for making Himself out to be God. They picked up stones to assume the roles of judge, jury and hangman—This is the 4th time that the Jews attempted to kill Jesus.

Theme 4: The In-Your-Face Challenge (vs. 34-39)

Jesus referenced a scripture the Pharisees knew well, *Psalm 82:1-6*, to make the argument that if mere men could in some sense be called “gods”; how much more appropriate would it be for Jesus to call Himself the Son of God? But even using the Word of God, the Pharisees were still met with the stone wall of disbelief.

Theme 5: At The End Of The Day...Many Did Believe (vs. 40-42)

In times of adversity and great persecution---what happens with the Gospel? It explodes! It may drive believers underground---but adversity has always fueled powerful evangelism and revival. Even today, Christianity’s greatest growth is being experienced in countries like China, Nepal, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Personal Application

The original Pharisees of Jesus’ day are long gone. But the burden, the pain and the anxiety of struggling to do and be good enough for God still remains. If you are struggling with this today, we offer a time of prayer for you at the end of the service.