

The “God” Shepherd

John 10:19-39

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Introduction

- Who is Jesus?
- Jesus’ many miracles and teaching pointed to the conclusion that He was the Messiah, the Son of God.
 - Jesus as the “Bread of Life”—John 6:51
 - Jesus as the “Light of the World”—John 8:12
 - Jesus as the “I AM”—John 8:58
 - Jesus as the “Great Shepherd”—John 10

The “God” Shepherd!

A. The Division and Confrontation—10:19-24

1. Division over Religious Leader’s assessment of Jesus—10:19-21
2. Confrontation: *“If you are the Christ, tell us plainly!”*—10:22-24
 - a. Setting: Feast of Dedication
 - b. Why Jesus did not tell them plainly that He was the Messiah?
 - 1) Jews looking for a political savior, not a personal savior.
 - 2) Disingenuous request—looking for a reason to arrest.

B. The Claim—10:25-30

1. You have been given plenty of information to form the right conclusion concerning Who I am.—10:25
 - a. The answer to honest doubt: John the Baptist. Luke 7
 - b. Dishonest doubt—refusal to believe
2. You have failed to believe, proving that you are not one of my sheep—John 10:26-29
 - a. Jesus’ sheep given to Him by the Father—John 6:37
 - b. Jesus’ sheep...
 - 1) Hear His voice; He knows them and they follow Him.
 - 2) Jesus gives them eternal life.
 - 3) His sheep will never perish, but are kept secure in Christ’s hands which are in the Father’s hands.
3. *“I and the Father are one”* I am the “God” Shepherd!
 - a. Not the same person or on the same page
 - b. But one in essence, in substance: Jesus claim to be GOD!

C. The Charge—10:31-33 Blasphemy!!

D. The Challenge—10:34-39

1. Be consistent in applying the tag, “Blasphemer”—10:34-36
 - a. Argues from Scripture—Psalm 82:6
 - b. Argues from “lesser to greater”
2. Be objective in following evidence to conclusion—10:37-39