THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Hearing the Voice of Jesus John 10:22-42 September 11, 2022

"My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of my hand. I and the Father are one." - John 10:29-30

I. IS JESUS MESSIAH?

- The Feast of Dedication is at hand. It is also known as The Festival of Lights and, in our day, Hanukkah (Dan. 8:9-14,23-25; 11:21-35; 2 Macc. 10:1-8).
- The Jewish crowd wants Jesus to be plain, something that actually marked Jesus' ministry from the beginning (cf. 5:17ff.; 8:12, 24, 58).
- Jesus' works or "signs" bear witness to his Messianic claim (vss. 25, 37-38).
- These characteristics mark Jesus' sheep:
 - 1. They hear Jesus' voice (vs. 27)
 - 2. Jesus knows them (vs. 27)
 - 3. They follow Jesus (vs. 27)
 - 4. Jesus gives them eternal life (vs. 28)
 - 5. They will never perish (vs. 28)
 - 6. No one will snatch them out of Jesus' hand (vs. 28)
 - 7. The Father has given them to Jesus (vs. 29)
 - 8. No one snatches them out of the Father's hand (vs. 29)

II. IS JESUS GOD?

- Jesus is not only Messiah, but he and the Father are one (vs. 30).
- The Jews want to stone Jesus for blasphemy. Jesus wants to know why? For which good works will they kill him? (vs. 32).
- Jesus utilizes a quote from Psalm 82 to reason with the crowd (vss. 35-36).
- Jesus escapes death once again and leaves Jerusalem for the last time until he returns for his Passion Week (vss. 40-42).

KNOW: Jesus, who is one with the Father and the Son of God, has declared that those who hear his voice will never perish. By the power of the Father and the Son, Jesus' sheep will never be snatched away.

DO: Ask God to tune your ears to hear the voice of Jesus.

Suggested Reading:

Taking God Seriously: Vital Things We Need to Know by J.I. Packer (Available in the LifePoint Library).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 10:22-42

- 1. Why do the Jews still need to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah?
- 2. What is Jesus' answer?
- What must the Jews look to for confirmation of Jesus' identity? (see vss. 25, 37-38).
- 4. Why do the Jews not believe, according to Jesus?
- 5. Who can snatch us away from the Father and the Son?
- 6. Does Jesus declare himself to be God? How can we know?
- 7. Why do you think Jesus defends himself with the quote from Psalm 82?
- 8. What is your takeaway from these verses?