

Jesus Last Public Plea to Israel

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

John's Gospel Study - John 10:31-42

Sunday – July 18th, 2010

CONTEXT: The Lord Jesus has ended His response to the issue of why the religious leaders have rejected Him. He has provided the most concise explanation of salvation from God's vantage found in the Scriptures. As a result these same rejecting Jews do not marvel at what He has said, bow the knee, or even seek further answers. Instead, they seek to kill Him.

The wording of verse 31 coupled with the insincere nature of the question in verse 10:24, and past references to the Jew's intentions (John 7:1; 8:40; 59); and the word "again" in the immediate verse tell us these Jews came with the prepared intention to entrap and kill Jesus. Jesus is not fooled by their intentions, nor intimidated. He confronts them with perfect arguments that destroy their supposed righteous justification for their actions. Christ arguments are focused directly on their self-righteous basis – good works, the Law, and their authority. In each response Jesus destroys by concrete reasoning any justification these Jews have for putting Jesus to death. However, these arguments from Jesus do not change their minds or intentions. By contrast, John closes out this section (vs 40-42) on a positive note – there are those who do listen to Jesus and believe. This section gives us a view of all mankind. Jesus is largely rejected against all reason, but there are those who do listen, and do believe. The question for any audience individual is – in which group are you?

Broad outline of the Gospel of John (underlined is the immediate context).

VII. The Performance of Christ followed by irrational rejection (6:1-12:50)

- I. The Confirmation of Messiah (9:1-41)
- J. The Contrast of Jesus with the Jewish leaders (10:1-21)
- K. The Credentials of Messiah largely rejected (10:22-42)
 4. His Sheep effectually called (10:27-28a)
 5. His Sheep eternally secure (10:28b-30)
 6. His Substantive reasoning rejected (10:31-39)

Key Words (10: 31-42)

- Father (5)
- Again (3)
- Believe or believed (4)
- answered (3)
- many (3)
- works (3)

Introduction:

6. His Substantive reasoning rejected (10:31-39)
- a. Their subversive intentions to kill Him (10:31)
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- b. The steady contrast of Jesus response (10:32-39)
 - Superior reason one challenges their action (10:32-33)
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- Superior reason two destroys their Scriptural justification (10:34-36)
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- Superior reason three exposes their irrational rejection (10:37-38)
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- Scurrilous intentions continue (10:39)
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7. His Sheep by contrast continue to believe (10:40-42)
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Conclusion:
