

John 10:19-33

19-21. Therefore **there was a DIVISION again** among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad (crazy). Why do you listen to Him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

- **Read Matthew 10:32-40** (Verses 34-36) "Do _____ think that I came to bring _____ on earth. I did _____ come to bring _____ but a sword (division). For I have come to 'set a man _____ his father, a daughter _____ her mother, and a daughter-in-law _____ her mother-in-law'. And 'a man's foes (enemies) will be those of his own _____'."

Definition: "There was a DIVISION again" - Why are there such divisions, heated arguments and strong feelings about Jesus? If Jesus is the Prince of Peace (and He is - see Isaiah 9:6), why does He Himself say that He did not come to bring peace? The only TRUE PEACE this world will ever have will come **WHEN JESUS RETURNS and sets up His kingdom** on earth (the "Millennium"). Right now, in the present time, the name of Jesus brings up controversy and division among people. Why? Because **you cannot remain NEUTRAL to Jesus**, you must be either FOR or AGAINST Him. **He brings DIVISION** because mentioning Jesus SHINES LIGHT on those who are in DARKNESS and who have something to hide. If they do not want to COME to the light, but want to remain in their sinful lifestyles, they do not like being exposed.

- **John 7:7** "The _____ cannot hate you, but it _____ Me because I _____ of it that its works (deeds) are _____."
- **John 3:19-20** "And this is the condemnation, that the _____ has come into the world, and men _____ darkness (sin) rather than light, because their _____ were _____. For everyone _____ evil _____ the light and does not _____ to the _____, lest his deeds should be _____."

22-25. Now **it was the Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and **it was winter**. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The WORKS that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

- **John 4:25-26** "The woman said to Him, 'I know that _____ is coming (who is called _____). When He comes, He will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, '_____ who speak to you am _____.'"

Definition: "If You are the Christ, TELL US PLAINLY" - Jesus did not make many clear statements as to Who He was, rather He told the people to LOOK at the EVIDENCE and come to their own conclusions. In other words, no one else could do the things He was doing - miracles, signs and wonders, and fulfilling prophecy, unless He were the Messiah. Jesus deliberately taught the crowds in parables (stories with a hidden spiritual message). He knew that those who really wanted to believe would **understand the spiritual message in the story**, and to those who did not want to believe, it would just be a story. >

- **Matthew 13:13** "Therefore I speak to them in _____, because seeing they do not _____, and hearing they do not _____, nor do they _____."

Definition: "It was the FEAST of DEDICATION" - This is none other than Hanukkah. Hanukkah, with the lighting of the candles on the menorah, (lampstand, in the Bible) is a celebration commemorating the **re-DEDICATING of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem** after it had been desecrated by the enemies of Israel. They only had enough oil for the lampstand to be lit for one day, but God miraculously kept it lit for eight days, until the priests could make more of the sacred oil. Another name for this "feast" or holiday is the Festival of Lights.

26-29. But you do not believe, because **you are not of My sheep**, as I said to you. My Sheep hear My voice, and **I know them, and they follow Me**. And I give them ETERNAL life, and **they shall NEVER perish**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has GIVEN them to Me, is greater than all; and **NO ONE** is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

- **John 3:16** "For God so _____ the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever _____ in Him should not _____ but have _____ life."
- **Romans 8:38-39** "For I am persuaded that neither _____ nor _____, nor _____ nor principalities (demons), nor _____, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor _____ other created thing, shall be able to _____ us from the _____ of _____ which is in Christ _____ our Lord."

Definition: "My Father who has GIVEN them to Me, is GREATER than ALL" - No one, not even Satan, can take you out of God the Father's hand. Some people are so worried and fearful of losing their salvation, **as if their salvation depended on themselves!** It does NOT depend on you. It is God Himself who is holding you carefully, yet firmly and securely in His hand, and NO ONE or NO THING can separate you from Almighty God!

Definition: "SEPARATE us from the LOVE of GOD" - Our position is "in Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places" - God placed us there, and **we did NOT do anything to earn** that position. God CHOSE us, and has given us to Jesus **APART from any goodness or works of our own**, so He is able also to PRESERVE US and prevent ANY PERSON or THING from separating us from Himself. **It is NOT WE OURSELVES WHO HOLD ONTO GOD**, but **GOD who HOLDS ONTO US. NOTHING can separate us from God** and His love if we are His child through faith in Jesus Christ. God has made a **PROMISE that He will COMPLETE His work in our lives.**

- **Ephesians 2:4-7** "But _____, who is rich in mercy, for His great _____ with which He _____ us, even when we were dead in sins, has _____ us alive together with Christ (by grace are you saved), and has raised us up together, and has _____ us to sit together in _____ places with Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His _____ in His _____ towards us in Christ Jesus."
- **Philippians 1:6** "Being _____ of this very thing, that He who has _____ a good _____ in you will _____ it until the day of Jesus Christ."
- **I Thessalonians 5:23** "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you (make you HOLY) completely; and may your whole _____, _____, and _____ be _____ blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

30-33. "I and My Father are One." Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of these works do you stone Me. "The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because **You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**"

- **John 1:1-3 & 14** "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was _____ and the Word _____. He was in the _____ with God. All things were _____ through Him, and without Him _____ was made that was made. (Verse 14) "And the Word (Jesus) became _____ and dwelt among us, and we beheld His _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father, full of _____ and _____."

Definition: "You, BEING a MAN, make YOURSELF GOD" - BLASPHEMY means the act of insulting, **showing contempt, or LACK of REVERENCE for God**. Yes, this would be blasphemy for anyone else to say, but it was NOT blasphemy for Jesus, because it was **TRUE! He WAS a Man, and He was also truly GOD!** When the Jewish religious leaders tried to come up with a crime or charge by which they could put Him to death, the only "crime" they could say He had committed was "blasphemy" by saying He was God.

Definition: "I and MY FATHER are ONE" - Literally, in the Greek, Jesus is saying, "I and the Father are the SAME THING." Because the Greek language is SO SPECIFIC, we know He is NOT saying that He and the Father are the SAME PERSON, because obviously the Father and the Son are two separate persons or personalities. However, the Bible teaches that God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit are ONE ESSENCE, One in nature, substance and power. **We worship ONE GOD**, and HE TELLS US that He exists in the form of three persons - this is the mystery of the Trinity. The New Testament shows us over and over again that Jesus is EQUAL to GOD the FATHER!! He is not a LESSER god on a scale of gods, and He is NOT merely a GOOD MAN or prophet, as many religions want to believe. **JESUS IS THE GOD-MAN, God who came in the FLESH**, in a HUMAN BODY to become our Savior and die on the cross for our sins.

- **I Timothy 3:16** "And without controversy great is the _____ of godliness (the nature of God): _____ was manifested (revealed) in the _____, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, _____ on in the world, received up in _____."
- **Revelation 22:3-4** "And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of **GOD and of the LAMB** (Jesus) shall be in it, and _____ servants shall serve _____. They shall see _____ face, and _____ name shall be on their foreheads."

NOTE: It says ONE throne and ONE name ("**Him**" not "Them", "**His face**" not "Their faces"). Compare with Zechariah 14:9 "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall there be **ONE LORD, and His name ONE**." Jesus says in John 17:3-5 that He will SHARE GOD'S GLORY with the Father, the glory that He (Jesus) ALREADY HAD with God the Father from all eternity, yet in Isaiah 48:11 God says **He will not SHARE His glory** with ANOTHER!! **Jesus IS God!**

- **Philippians 2:9-11** "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him the name that is _____ every name, that at the name of _____ every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that _____ is _____ to the _____ of God the Father."