

You're in Good Hands

1. What is a modern-day name for the Festival of Dedication?

2. What did the Jews want Jesus to tell them? What do you think was their motive in this? Discuss something that you would like God to "tell you plainly."

3. Why will the sheep of Jesus never perish? What comfort does this give us?

4. Verse 30 seems to answer the question of the Jews in verse 24. What did Jesus say, and what was their response?

5. What good works has Jesus done in your life?

6. How do you think Jesus escaped? How does His escape relate to verses 17 and 18?

7. What was the message that John the Baptist shared about Jesus?

²²Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ²⁴Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus 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. ²⁶But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My 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. ³⁰I and My Father are one."

³¹Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

³²Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

³³The 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."

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"?' ³⁵If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?" ³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." ³⁹Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

⁴⁰And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. ⁴¹Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." ⁴²And many believed in Him there.

Behold, the Lamb of God

Read: Matthew 26:33-27:54

Monday

26:33-47 — What do you think of Peter's claim? What would you have said? What emotions do you think Jesus experienced in the garden of Gethsemane?

Tuesday

26:48-61 — How do we know that Jesus laid down His life rather than that the soldiers took it? Why do you think the disciples fled? How was the testimony of the witnesses false? What did Jesus really say?

Wednesday

26:62-75 — What was the high priest's problem? What was Peter's problem? How do they differ? How are they the same? What among those things do you also wrestle with?

Thursday

27:1-14 — What was Judas' problem? Do you think he made the right decision? Why do you think the governor marveled that Jesus said nothing?

Friday

27:15-34 — What do you think about Barabbas? How are you like him? What do you think it was like to be Simon, who carried the cross?

Saturday

27:35-54 — What from this description of the death of Jesus affects you the most?
