

THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

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Study of John / John 10:22-42

Introduction: The Winter Feast. (22-23)

The Feast of Dedication was not a holiday that God had ordained in Scripture, but it was a celebration that the Jews had created. Antiochus Epiphanies desecrated the Jewish Temple in 168 BC. Some three years later, Judas Maccabeus and his army took the Temple back under Jewish control and reconsecrated it for the worship of God. This festival was observed in December. Today it is celebrated as Hanukkah.

I. Sheep or Not? (24-30)

A. “You Don’t Believe so You Aren’t My Sheep!” [24-26]

B. Christ’s Protection of His Flock. [27-30]

II. God or Not? (31-38)

A. The Jews Attempt to Stone Jesus for Blasphemy. [31-33]

B. “What’s the Big Deal? [34-36]

C. “Believe the Works and Believe in Me.” [37-38]

Conclusion: Jesus Departs, Goes to Bethabara. (39-42)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

1. Why did Jesus celebrate a holiday (Feast of Dedication/ Hanukkah) that was not specifically ordained by God in Scripture? What can we learn from this?
2. How does Colossians 2:16-17 pertain to the celebration of holidays today?
3. What revealed who was a sheep and who was not? (24-30)
4. According to John 10:27-30, what does Jesus give to His sheep?
5. Can you pluck yourself out of Jesus' hand? (28-29)
6. Does the doctrine of eternal salvation (when taught Biblically) give a license to believers to live a sinful life?
7. In what way are Jesus and God the Father one? (30)
8. What was the Jews' reaction to Jesus' claim that He and the Father are one?
9. Why do you think they had such a violent reaction to this claim? (33)
10. (38) What did Jesus say the Jews could believe if they did not believe Him?