

Jesus Declares His Divinity

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John 10:30-42

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- Jesus has declared clearly He is God, the leaders do not believe
- Jesus declares, *I and the Father are one*
- at minimum one with the Father in will - both committed to saving elect^{28,29}
- Jesus is also one with the Father in His works^{5:36}
- but these ideas are insufficient to warrant stoning Jesus³¹
- Jesus is declaring that He and the Father are one divine being - same substance
- Jesus is declaring Himself to be part of Trinity: 3 persons - one Being

Jesus Didn't Correct Their Understanding

- Jesus easily could have diffused situation by correcting their understanding
- Four Important Implications:
- 1) We are able to know God since Jesus is God^{John 14:8-10}
- 2) We have forgiveness of sins in Jesus' work on the cross - Jesus is God³³
- 3) We can trust Jesus²⁸ because He is God and cannot lie^{Heb 6:18; Num 23:19; 1S 15:29}
- 4) Jesus' claim establishes His authority - not just a prophet, believe in Me^{6:29}

Jesus Refutes the Charges

- Jesus challenges accusers to declare why they are judging Him³²
- Jesus has done many sign works per prophecies of OT Messiah
- Jesus challenges instead of stoning you ought to consider His claims
- We saw that the can't hear or see²⁶ because not among '*my sheep*'

A Rabbinical Argument

- Because they rejected Jesus' claims... Jesus uses Rabbinical argument
- His words fit with Scripture³⁴⁻³⁶ - quotes Psalm 82:6
- mere humans - judges of Israel are called *gods*
- Basically: if mere men were called gods as they served for God, then how much more should I be called God since I'm sent from God w/ divine power
- Ps 82 is also convicting those who set themselves up as gods...
- Jesus is saying: 'look at my works, they should lead you to believe'

Jesus Moves to Where His Sheep Are

- John shows us yet another contrast: unbelief of leaders - belief of people⁴¹⁻⁴²
- Jesus went to where John the Baptist had been baptizing & preaching
- More than a day's journey - note for Chp 11
- In that region we find *many came to Him*⁴¹ and *many believed in Him*⁴²
- John the Baptist had planted the seeds^{1:26-27}
- Are you like John? Do you allow your life & words to point to Jesus?