



## *Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 26*

Preacher – Sandy Mason | Text – John 10:22-42

### Summary:

Jesus continues to have conflict with the Jewish religious leaders, as he continues to defy their traditions and conventions. In his usual fashion, Jesus doesn't play their game on their terms, but instead turns their questions and objections around on them, revealing their hardness of heart and unwillingness to understand him and his works. This section also includes one of Jesus' most explicit statements on his divine nature.

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. Why is the question of Jesus' *identity* (v. 24) so important (both to his followers and his enemies)?
3. What was the proof Jesus offered that he was the Christ? Why do you think Jesus' enemies couldn't accept it?
4. What does Jesus say about the status of his 'sheep'? What confidence do they have (v.v. 27-29)? **Application:** What does it mean for you to hear Jesus say that no one is able to snatch Jesus' sheep out of his hand?

5. Why do the Jews seek to stone Jesus (v. 33)? What's so offensive about his claim? How does he continue to testify about himself even in the face of their anger (v. 32)?
  
6. What's Jesus' argument in vv. 34-38? How does he challenge the self-righteous anger of the religious leaders? **Application:** What does Jesus' challenge mean for you as you consider your own faith? What does Jesus himself tell us to consider when weighing his claims?
  
7. Notice how the text comes back around to John the Baptist (vv. 40-41). What do we discover about the faithfulness and effectiveness of John's witness about Jesus?
  
8. What was Jesus' view of Scripture (v. 34-35)? What does that mean for how we view the authority and place of Scripture in our own lives?
  
9. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?