



## Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 35

**Message:** "Life Is A Gift"

**Text:** John 10:31-42

**Date:** 08/28/2022

- ★ John's purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (John 9:22)

**Fun Fact:** Jewish religious leaders would often serve as judges for other Jews

### John 10:30-42

- (v30) "one" = a single unit (see also John 14:9)
- (v31) "stoning" = death by being hit with stones
- (v32) "good works" = miracles & signs Jesus performed
- (v33) "blasphemy" = anytime we disrespect God with our words (ex: Nehemiah 9:18, 26)
- (v33) "claim to be God" = setting yourself up to be God was a crime punishable by death
- (v34) "I have said you are gods" = quote from Psalm 82:6
  - Psalm 82:1-8 - Who are the little "g" gods?
    - Option 1 = human beings (Israelite judges)
    - Option 2 = spiritual beings (from God's divine council)
  - "G-o-d" (elohim) is not a name. It always refers to spiritual beings
    - "Yahweh" God = "LORD" God  
(Yahweh is God's name revealed in the Old Testament)
    - There's no other god like Yahweh God. He is the uncreated, self-existing one (that's what His name means)
  - Option 1 (human judges) - Jesus is doing what the religious leaders could do
  - Option 2 (spiritual beings) - Spiritual beings in the OT are called Sons of God, but Jesus is *the* Son of God (see Hebrews 1:4-5). Jesus is capital "G" God! (John 10:30)
- (v37-39) The religious leaders didn't believe Jesus was God
- (v40-42) Many other people did believe Jesus was God!

**Main Point:** *Do I believe Jesus is God or not?* (Romans 10:9-10, 13)

## - Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. Have you ever been falsely accused of something? How did that make you feel? What are some things we could do to help us react to these situations in a godly manner?
2. **READ Nehemiah 9:9-21.** What did the Israelites do that was called blasphemy (see also Exodus 20:23)? What are some ways blasphemy is committed today?
3. **READ John 10:30-33 and John 14:6-9.** Referring to the exclusive “God-claims” that Jesus made, C.S. Lewis once said something like: “Either Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or He was Lord.” How would you explain that believing in Jesus is the only way to God to someone that believes there are multiple paths/religions to God?
4. **READ Psalm 89:1-8 and Hebrews 1:1-5.** Why do you think the Jewish religious leaders were so upset with Jesus when He said that He and the Father are “one”?
5. Do you remember when you first came to know Jesus? How would you explain your salvation story to someone else?

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### Recommended Resources

Books:

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>

YouTube Videos:

- Overview: John 1-12, by Bible Project