

JESUS GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE

John 10:22-42

Key Verse: 10:28

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

1. What is the historical meaning of the Festival of Dedication¹ (22)? Where was Jesus (23)? What question was on the Jewish leaders' minds (24)? Why should they not be in suspense (25-26)?
2. Who are Jesus' sheep (27)? Read verse 28. What does Jesus do for his sheep? What does “eternal life” mean to us both at present, and in the future? What assurance does Jesus give his sheep (28b)? What was the basis of this assurance (29-30)?
3. For what reason did the Jews try to stone Jesus (31,33)? In refuting their charge of blasphemy, how did Jesus defend his claim, “I am God’s Son” by appealing to the works he had done, his relationship with the Father, and Scripture (32,34-36)?
4. What was Jesus’ view of Scripture (35b)? To whom does Scripture point (5:39)? What is the central teaching of Scripture, and how did Jesus fulfill it (36; 3:16)?
5. Out of love, how did Jesus further appeal to the Jews (37-38)? How can we know and understand that the Father and Jesus are one? How did the Jews respond (39)?
6. What was John’s testimony (40-41; 1:29-34; 3:31,36; Lk 7:29)? How did those who had heard John’s testimony respond differently from Jewish leaders (42; Lk 7:29-30)?

¹ A feast which arose during the time of the Maccabbees, also called the Festival of Lights, which celebrated the restoration of temple worship after its desecration by the Greco-Syrian ruler Antiochus Epiphanes IV in 167 B.C. It was first celebrated on December 25, 165 B.C.