

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 10:31-42

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"The Shepherd of the Sheep  
is God Over All"**

### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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## INTRODUCTION

*to the text*

*John 10:31-42*

Every Man Knows That He Needs Redemption

**The Shepherd of the Sheep  
Is God Over All**

## 1.) *Jesus Christ is Unique in History*

*vv. 31-32*

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "**Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?**"

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## The “**Then**” Here is Referring to Jesus’ Announcement in Verses 25 to 30

Their M.O.  
At Before Abraham was I AM...

John 8:59

Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but

## THEIR MOTIVES WERE WRONG &

Their unbelief and actions convicted them

### Verse 25

**The works that “I do”**

*they bear witness of Me*

His Works Were **Physical Indictments** Against  
Them

**“I told” you,**

*and you do not believe.*

His Words Were a **Logical Indictment** Against  
Them

## Verse 27

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"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,  
and **they follow Me.**

**"they follow Me."**

His Authority Was a **Practical Indictment** Against  
Them

## Verse 28

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**And "I give them" eternal life**  
and they shall never perish;

(double negative in the greek)

His Deity Was The **Spiritual Indictment** Against  
Them

## Verse 29-30

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**"I and *My* Father are one."**

"My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to  
snatch *them* out of *My* Father's hand.

**"I and *My* Father are one."**

Way Back in the Old Testament, God Revealed  
Himself to Moses

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

# Here in the New Testament – Jesus Reveals Himself as God

John 8:23-24

And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I am**, you will die in your sins."

John 8:58-59

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**." 59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him;

This Truth, That Jesus is The Lord God, is The Christian Essential of the Bible That separates Biblically, Saving Christianity Apart from Aberrant Christian Views and the Doctrines of Demons Found in the Door to Door Teachings of the Cults.

If Jesus' Teachings on This Subject So Generated Anger Among His Audience, Then There Must Be an Equal Reaction Today When This Truth is Proclaimed

Exodus 20:3

"You shall have no other gods before Me.

## THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS' DEITY

Is the single most dividing truth of the Bible and it must be.  
It will always create a response and a reaction

### **This Teaching Must Be a “Non-Spectator Event”**

*meaning that you and I will be participating and you and I will be responding to  
what is taught today*

## AS WE EXAMINE ETERNAL TRUTH

***b.) He was Guilty of Good***

**v.32**

Jesus answered them, "**Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?**"

**“Why Are You Against What I’m Doing”  
when everything I AM doing is Right On**

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**It was not what He was Doing That Bothered  
Them. It was Who He Said He was**

**The Shepherd of the Sheep  
Is God Over All**

***2.) Jesus Christ is Unique Today***

**vv. 33**

The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

***a.) What can man say about Him***

**v.33a**

The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone

they had nothing on Him- but good deeds

**For a Good Work They Could Not Stone Him  
He was fulfilling all that the ancient Hebrew prophets  
had foretold**

Psalm 40:5-7

Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. 6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. 7 Then I said, "Behold – in the volume of the book, it is written of me"

## HIS WORKS CONFIRMED HIS WORDS

Matthew 11:4-5

Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

## Was This a Coded Message to John from the Bible ?

Isaiah 35:4-6

**for your God** is coming to save you." 5 And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf. 6 The lame man will leap up like a deer, and those who could not speak will shout and sing!

When John was Doubting,  
He Could Look Back to See What God Had Done

### ***Jesus Christ is Unique Today***

***b.) What does He say about Himself***

***v.33b***

but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

They understood Him perfectly !!!

They understood Him to say that He was claiming to be God  
-That would be Blasphemy if you weren't God

But He Was God so it Wasn't Blasphemy but Truth

"These verses are a series of nightmares beyond belief for any Jehovah's Witness" – *William Centnar*

**NOTE THE GREEK HERE**

Because You, being a Man, make Yourself  
**(constantly declaring)** God."

Is Jesus God ?

Isaiah 48:12

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.

Isaiah 41:4

Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; and with the last I am He.'"

Isaiah 43:10-11

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

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"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,"

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

Revelation 1:18

"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."



John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

John 10:25-33

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 "I and My Father are one." 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

## The Shepherd of the Sheep Is God Over All

**3.) Jesus Christ is LORD of All**

**vv. 34-36**

34 Jesus answered them, **"Is it not written in your law, 'I said, 'You are gods' '?** 35 **"If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),** 36 **"do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?**

Psalm 82:6

I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High.

This is the Mormons Favorite Verse  
To argue for their teaching that you can become a God  
As well as those who of the new age movement of self-deification

Throughout the Bible the word "Elohim" Appears.  
The Word "El" or "Elo" is god and "Im" means a Plurality.

Judeo-Christian Theology Agrees on this Point  
That both the New and Old Testament Scriptures refer to  
God as a singular, plurality – Were Monotheistic

The Jew, The Christian, and The Muslim  
Are all monotheists – believing in one God

But The Pagan World Uses The Same Word to  
Address Their Deities – The gods of the pagan  
world were referred to as Elohim(s)

Example, The Romans and the Greeks worshipped  
Elohim - Many deities and gods

a.) *He only is LORD*

v.34

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"Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '?"

Look at The Bible in Context  
(a text, taken out of context, is a pretext)  
G. Campbell-Morgan

Psalm 82:1-8

**God** stands in the congregation of the mighty; he judges among **the gods**. 2 How long will you judge unjustly, (the gods) and show partiality to the wicked? 3 to Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They (the gods) do not know, nor do they (the gods) understand; they (the gods) walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High. 7 But you (the gods) shall die like men (common men), and fall like one of the princes." 8 Arise, O **God**, judge the earth; for You shall inherit all nations.

# He, The Heavenly Judge, Judges the earthly Judges Who Act in His Place

## Exodus 22:7-9

"If a man delivers to his neighbor money or articles to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8 "If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the **(gods-elohim)** judges to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbor's goods. 9 "For any kind of trespass, whether it concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or clothing, or for any kind of lost thing which another claims to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the **(gods-elohim)** judges; and whomever the **(gods-elohim)** judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

## Exodus 18:19-22

"Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. 20 "And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. 21 "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 "And let them judge the people at all times.

## Jesus is Saying This

**"if you guys call yourselves gods (rulers or lords) and you have no problem with that – then after all that you have seen me do, how can you have a problem understanding that I am THE God?"**

You Say That You are authorities  
But I say to You – I am The Authority

**The Shepherd of the Sheep  
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**4.) Jesus Christ is Savior**

**vv. 37-42**

**"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the**

**Father is in Me, and I in Him."** 39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. 40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. 41 Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." 42 And many believed in Him there.

**a.) Refusing Condemns a man**

**v.37-39**

**"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." ."** 39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand

**b.) Receiving Forgives a man**

**v.40-42**

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. 41 Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." 42 And many believed in Him there.

**John 1:28-34**

These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." 32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

**The Shepherd of the Sheep Is God Over All**

***Jesus Christ is Savior***

***But The Bible Says "God Alone is Savior"***

2 Samuel 22:3

The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold and my refuge; my Savior, You save me from violence.

Isaiah 43:3

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your

Isaiah 43:10-11

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, that  
you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no  
God formed, nor shall there be after Me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me  
there is no savior.

Isaiah 45:15

Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, **the** Savior!

Isaiah 45:21

Tell and bring forth your case; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared  
this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And  
there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me.

Hosea 13:4

"I alone am God, your Lord, and have been ever since I brought you out from Egypt.  
You have no God but me, for there is no other Savior.

Luke 2:11

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

John 4:42

"Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and  
we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the  
Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord  
Jesus Christ, our hope,

**1 Timothy 2:1-3**

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

**1 Timothy 3:16**

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: God appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up into glory.

**1 Timothy 4:10**

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

**Titus 1:3**

but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

**Titus 2:13**

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**2 Peter 1:1**

To all those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Jude 1:25**

To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

The End