

Jesus Is God

6-23-24

John 10:30 (ESV) **O/H**
I and the Father are ONE.

This one statement is the primary reason the religious leaders and the and the Jewish people crucified Jesus. They fully understood what HE said and the implications of what HE said. Christianity exists because of what HE said. Therefore, we should pay attention to what HE said.

Jesus made this statement in Jerusalem during the Jewish Feast of Dedication.

John 10:22–23 (ESV)

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

The Feast of Dedication, now known as Hanukkah, was established as a memorial to the purification and rededication of the temple by Judas Maccabeus on December 25, 165 BC. Three years earlier the Syrian king, Antiochus Epiphanes, had captured Jerusalem, massacred thousands of people, plundered the temple, and sacrificed a pig on the temple altar. Thus, the rededication and Jewish feast. Now Jesus is causing a stir by attending this national/religious celebration.

John 10:24–25a (ESV)

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe.”

Jesus by Word and Deed has already shown the works of God.
John 10:25b–26 (ESV)

The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about ME, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among MY sheep.

Jesus is Jesus but no matter what HE does, those who are not HIS sheep will never believe. But Jesus’ sheep are different!

John 10:27 (ESV)

MY sheep hear MY voice, and I know them, and they follow ME.

Jesus’ leadership and HIS followers are self-authenticating. Jesus calls and HIS sheep hear. No one can snatch Jesus’ sheep from HIS Hands. We are secure for all eternity.

John 10:28–29 (ESV)

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will “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 the Father’s hand.

Jesus is talking about us. We are in Jesus’ Hand, and no one can snatch us out of HIS Hand. Also, we are covered by the Father’s Hand, and no one can snatch us out of HIS Hand.

Illustration: “Jesus is saying that we are in HIS Hand, and we are covered by God the Father’s Hand. Therefore, no one is able to snatch us from both of their Hands clasped together.”
We are eternally secure. Father and Son are one and one in their commitment. Therefore, Jesus says:

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I and the Father are ONE.

(Jesus is not just another good teacher.)

Jesus declares that HE and the Father are one God. The statement “I and the Father” preserves the separate individuality of the two Persons in the Godhead. Being followed by the neuter pronoun “one” asserts “unity” of nature and equality. The oneness of Father and Son also means oneness in mission and purpose. This statement of the deity of Christ goes back to John 1:1 & 14.

- John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- John 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us.

What Jesus was saying was very clear to the Jewish population and their religious leaders. They understood!

John 10:31–33 (ESV)

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, **“I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”** ³³The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

Blasphemy = Death Sentence

John 10:33 (ESV) **O/H**

Blasphemy -- you, being a man, make yourself God.

Again, they understood, and Jesus knew they understood. So, Jesus doubles down on this fact – two persons yet one God.

John 10:38 (ESV) O/H

The Father is in ME, and I am in the Father.

Jesus is God! “Jesus and the Father are ONE!”

There is a Greater mystery! ****Jesus lives in us!****

Colossians 1:27 (ESV) O/H

This mystery, which is Christ in you.

God lives in us! This means the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father and Jesus is in us. So what, my head hurts, how does that apply to me now? In reality, this applies to us wherever we go and whatever we say. Whenever we step into this world, this identifies our position in the world. **Here is a heavenly “picture” of reality. (Look at screen.) We are in Christ’s Hand, covered by God’s Hand with Christ living in us.**

