

**“Lessons from the Manger” Part 3 – Advent Week 3**  
**Mount of Olives | December 14, 2025 | John 10:27-33**  
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**Prayer of the Day**

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world and gave us the grace to be witnesses of His coming. Help us to journey with joy and hope toward the encounter with Him which is now near, even today. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

John 10:27-33

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.” The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.”

**Message Notes**

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Luke 2:12

“This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

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2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

**Study Questions**

Read John 10:27-33

**ICEBREAKER – Getting started:**

1. When has listening carefully to someone made a big difference in your day or decision?
2. What's something you're really good at recognizing—like a voice, sound, or smell?

3. Have you ever been misunderstood or accused of something you didn't intend?

**Based on John 10:27-33, answer the following questions:**

**OBSERVATION – What does the text say?**

1. As you read **John 10:27-33**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?

2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?

3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

**INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?**

1. In verse 27, what three actions describe the relationship between Jesus and His sheep?

2. What does it mean for Jesus' sheep to "hear" His voice?

3. How does Jesus describe the security of the believer in verses 28–29?

4. What does Jesus mean when He says, "no one will snatch them out of my hand"?

5. How does the Father's role further reinforce this promise of security?

6. Why is the statement "I and the Father are one" so significant in verse 30?

7. What does Jesus mean by being "one" with the Father—unity of will, purpose, nature, or something else?

8. Why do the Jewish leaders react by picking up stones to stone Him?

9. What did the Jewish leaders understand Jesus to be claiming about Himself?

10. How does this passage contribute to the biblical understanding of Jesus' divinity?

11. How does the security Jesus describes contrast with the religious fear or uncertainty of His audience?

12. What does this passage reveal about the relationship between Jesus, the Father, and the believer?

**APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?**

1. How can you become more attentive to Jesus' voice in your daily routines?

2. What doubts or fears challenge your confidence that Jesus holds you securely?

3. In what ways can you demonstrate trust in Jesus' leadership this week?

4. How does knowing Jesus and the Father are "one" shape your worship and prayer life?

5. Who in your life needs reassurance of Christ's care and security, and how can you encourage them?