

# JOHN 10:22-42 – Discussion Guide

## Jesus: Christ & God

Have you ever encountered and had a discussion with someone who did not believe what the Bible teaches about Jesus – especially that He is God? What are some reasons or arguments people give for not believing that Jesus was & is God?

Today we look in on an encounter that Jesus had with some who refused to believe His claims about Himself. To capture the entire incident, read **John 10:22-42**.

According to **John 10:22**, what time of year was this and, if you are familiar with the Jewish calendar and what John has just recorded earlier in this chapter, how much time has gone by since the healing of the man who had been born blind?

What does **John 10:23** tell us about the season of the year and where Jesus was at this time?

According to **John 10:24**, who surrounds Jesus and what do they challenge Jesus to do?

- What has Jesus already done according to **John 4:25-26** and **John 9:35-38**?

What is the response of Jesus in **John 10:25** to those who have surrounded him?

What does Jesus tell these people in **John 10:26-27**?

What specific claims does John record Jesus making in **John 10:28-29**?

What incredible claim does Jesus make in **John 10:30**?

According to **John 10:31-33**, which claim of Jesus did the Jews find most offensive and how did they respond?

- Note: This is not the first time something like this has happened.
  - **John 5:18** –
  - **John 8:58-59** –

**John 10:34-36** records for us a rabbinic argument that Jesus used against His enemies here. This is not the focus of today's study but, at the risk of being overly simplistic, Jesus is pointing out that the Jews used similar terminology when speaking of fellow humans and, arguing "from the lesser to the greater", He tells them that they should not be disturbed that He, the One whom "God has dedicated", should make the claims he has made.

What challenge does Jesus give that is recorded for us in **John 10:37-38**?

- From what you know or after skimming through the gospel of John up to this tenth chapter, what are some of the deeds (works, miracles) to which Jesus could have been referring?

What is the response of the people according to **John 10:39**?

According to **John 10:40-42**, what does Jesus do next and what do we read about many of the people spoken of in these verses?

What has been your response to Jesus? Have you and are you believing Him? Is your faith in Him? Is your response like those of the Jews described in most of today's verses or is it like those described in **John 10:42**?

Do you need to pray – confessing belief in Jesus for the first time? Or, if you are living by faith in Him, may you thank Him for helping you to see the truth about Jesus and for giving you life in His name!