

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 10) 03 Nov John 7:53-8:59..... Wondering About Judgment
- 11) 10 Nov John 9:1-41..... Doubting Jesus' Power
- 12) 17 Nov John 10:1-42..... *Feeling Insecure?***
- 13) 24 Nov John 11:1-57..... Dealing with Death

INTRODUCTION

- This chapter addresses doctrines such as election, eternal security, the Trinity, and extraterrestrial life per Billy Graham
- The Jews asked Jesus to tell them plainly if He is the Christ, and Jesus replied back *"I told you already."* Willful ignorance is a killer

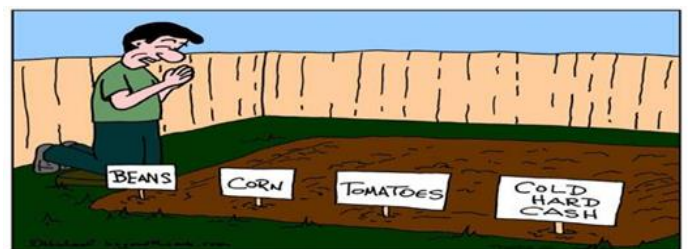
Passage	Comments
John 10:1-6	<p>Jesus Guides Us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus hits the Pharisees with a parable of being a good shepherd. Qualities of a good shepherd include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The shepherd controls the entrance – no one gets by him unnoticed to steal by stealth (a thief) or by force (a robber) – he knows everything that goes on 2. The shepherd knows his sheep intimately 3. The shepherd leads his sheep, not drives them 4. The sheep follow their shepherd willingly
10:7-21	<p>Jesus Gives Us Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv7-9. The Pharisees don't get it, so Jesus dumbs down His message and provides more details • v10. <i>"...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"</i> – Alludes not to a life consisting of more possessions, but more meaning and purpose both now and for all eternity. Recall Luke 12:15 <i>"...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things"</i> • vv14-15. <i>"I know My sheep and My sheep know Me"</i> and <i>"...I lay down My life for the sheep"</i> – Calvinists use this passage to show that Christ only died for the elect. BUT we also need to factor in what John said in 1John 2:2 <i>"He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world"</i> – YES, Jesus did indeed die for the elect, BUT He also died for the non-elect to make it possible for them to get saved – if they would be willing • v16. <i>"I have other sheep not of this fold"</i> – The context throughout John implies GENTILES are the other sheep. See below for how Billy Graham takes this passage • vv17-18. Jesus was able to lay down His life and to take it up again – IOW, raise Himself up. Scripture also says that God raised up Jesus (Acts 2:32), and the Holy Spirit also raised Jesus up from the dead (Romans 8:11) • vv19-21. Some Jews accused Jesus of having a demon and being insane. Jesus was either a Liar, a Lunatic, or the Lord. All evidence points to Jesus being whom He claimed to be – The One and Only Lord of All, based on His signs performed and confirmed prophecies
Billy Graham and Evolution	<p>Billy Graham uses John 10:16. <i>"I have other sheep not of this fold"</i> to justify his belief that God possibly created other humanoids (extraterrestrials) throughout the universe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripture, however, says God's entire creation was made for MAN (Jesus prophetically) and not for the benefit of any other creature, including any ETs..... Psalm 8:6 • Is there any possibility of ETs in existence? After all, we might think, why would God create so many lifeless planets within billions of galaxies throughout the known universe? Consider this – every known galaxy, planet, and asteroid affects our own gravity here on earth, thereby making it possible for our planet to sustain life in all its richness within very tight parameters in what is called the "anthropic principle". See Link: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/nab/creationists-deny-laws-of-nature

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolutionary dogma is what led Charles Templeton, who once had a larger reputation with Evangelicals than his contemporary, Billy Graham, to forsake God • Unfortunately, even Billy Graham holds to a theistic evolutionary belief as he once was quoted to say "...dinosaurs apparently died out long before God placed humans on the earth." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That would mean death & disease were on the earth before man sinned; but Scripture states clearly death & disease were a result of man's sin (Gen 3). See Link: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/cm/v22/n3/slippery-slide-unbelief#26 <p>Also consider this: When God destroys the known universe and creates a new heaven and a new earth, "the Tabernacle of God will be among men", not among men & Klingons..... Rev 21:1-3</p>
10:22:30	<p>Jesus Gives Us a Guarantee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Feast of Dedication" commemorated the purging and deliverance of the temple by Judas Maccabeus after Antiochus Epiphanes in December, 165 BC profaned it by sacrificing pigs on the altar • v24. <i>"...if you are the Christ, tell us plainly"</i> • vv25-27. And Jesus replied <i>"I told you, and you do not believe...because you are not my sheep...and my sheep follow me."</i> Calvinists also like to use this passage to show that non-elect are not electable – BUT, we need to factor in what Jesus said in John 6:34-40 <i>"...I say these things so that you (unbelieving Jews) may be saved...but you are unwilling to come to me so that you may have life"</i> – So, eternal life is based on one's willingness to accept Christ and live for Him, & Jesus made that possible for all • vv28-29. Eternal security is based on Jesus giving us eternal life and making us imperishable, and no one (ourselves & Satan included) can snatch us from God • v30. <i>"I and the Father are ONE"</i> – one in unity or essence; not as non-Trinitarians argue that Jesus is also God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.
10:31-42	<p>Jesus Gives Us a Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv31-33. The Jews accuse Jesus of blaspheme for telling them plainly that He is in essence, God • vv34-36. <i>"...I said you are gods"</i> – Jesus presents the Jews with an argument, if God can label earthly men who were on a mission from God as "elohim" (gods or judges), then the divine mission Jesus was on warranted a more significant title "I am the Son of God" • v38. <i>"...believe the works, so you may know..."</i> Only God can work the supernatural wonders Jesus performed. Neither Satan nor man can duplicate • v42. And many believed on Him there

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Jesus is the one and only God incarnate whose purpose was to save mankind from their sins and give them eternal life

NEXT WEEK: John 11:1-57. Jesus raises Lazarus from the grave, which is the 7th and last sign recorded by John.



Lord, I'm praying for a real miracle only you can deliver.