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

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<td>• Jesus hits the Pharisees with a parable of being a good shepherd. Qualities of a good shepherd include: 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</td>
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| • vv7-9. The Pharisees don't get it, so Jesus dumbs down His message and provides more details  
  v10. “...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” — Alludes not to a life consisting of more possessions, but more meaning and purpose both now and for all eternity. Recall Luke 12:15 “...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things”  
  vv14-15. “I know My sheep and My sheep know Me” and “...I lay down My life for the sheep” — Calvinists use this passage to show that Christ only died for the elect. BUT we also need to factor in what John said in 1 John 2:2 “He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world” — 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 have other sheep not of this fold” — 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 |
| 10:22:30 | Jesus Gives Us a Guarantee |
| • 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. “...if you are the Christ, tell us plainly”  
  vv25-27. And Jesus replied “I told you, and you do not believe...because you are not my sheep...and my sheep follow me.” 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 8:59-44 “…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” — So, eternal life is based on one’s willingness to accept Christ and live for Him, & Jesus made that possible for all |
| 10:31-42 | Jesus Gives Us a Choice |
| • vv31-33. The Jews accuse Jesus of blaspheme for telling them plainly that He is in essence, God  
  vv34-36. “...I said you are gods” — 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. “...believe the works, so you may know...” 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.