



DIGGING DEEPER

John 10v22-42 – **Held by the Shepherd**

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GETTING STARTED

By way of recap describe the scene in v19-21...

Why are the Jews divided? How tense do you think the situation was? (Remember what happened recently in John 8v58-59)

Why is the setting for what happened next so important? See v22-23 and focus in on the 'Feast of Dedication'

1) JESUS... CONFIRMS HIS IDENTITY AS THE TRUE MESSIAH (v24-26)

What is the main evidence Jesus brings to the table?

Why are these miracles called 'signs' in John's gospel?

Why do you think Jesus is reluctant to use the word 'Messiah'?

2) JESUS... EXPLAINS WHY SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE (v25-26)

What does Jesus mean when he says... 'you don't believe because you are not my sheep.'? See v27...

What does the dialogue in John 6 add to our understanding? See John 6v64-65

3) JESUS... GIVES ASSURANCE TO THOSE WHO DO BELIEVE (v27-36)

Break down what Jesus says in v28-29 into individual statements – how does each make you feel?

Why is the response of the Jews in v31-33 so sad?

Why does Jesus get his bible out in the following verses? (v34-36)

4) JESUS... CONTINUES TO OFFER LIFE TO OTHERS (v37-42)

Does what Jesus says in v37-38 surprise you? If so, why? If not, why not?

How do the Jews respond to Jesus (v39) and how does Jesus respond to the Jews (v40-42)?

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

V27-28: *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.*