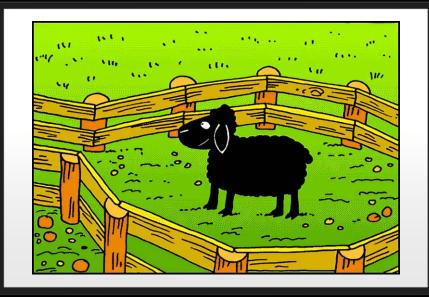


John 10V22-42
HELD BY THE SHEPHERD









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V18: No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

V22-23: Then came the <u>Festival of</u>

<u>Dedication</u> at Jerusalem. It was
winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple
courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.



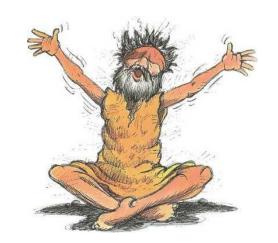
Judas Maccabaeus

V24: The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

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V25: Jesus answered, '<u>I did tell you</u>, but you do not believe. <u>The works I do</u> in my Father's name <u>testify about me</u>, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.



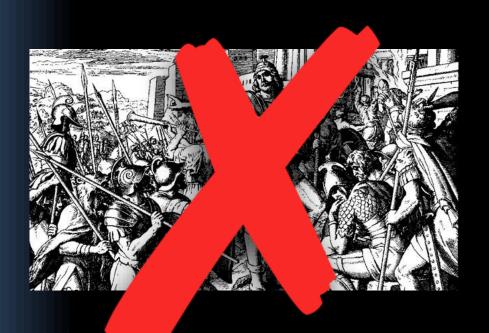






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If God has spoken why is the universe not convinced?

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6v65: He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that **no one can come to me unless** the Father has enabled them.'

Mt 11v28: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

V27-30: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.'

Safe in the Father's Hands

V31-33: <u>Again</u> his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, ³² but Jesus said to them, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?' ³³ 'We are not stoning you for any good work,' they replied, 'but for blasphemy, because <u>you</u>, a mere man, claim to be God.'

V34-36: Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your Law, "I have said you are 'gods'"? 35 If he called them "gods", to whom the word of God came – and Scripture cannot be set aside – 36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, "I am God's Son"?

V37-38: ...even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.'

V39: Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

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Are you one of His Sheep?

Psalm 139v7-10: Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.