

# Q & A with Jesus

*John 10:22-42*

English Standard Version

***22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.  
John 10:22-23***

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- Feast of Lights=Festival of Lights; started around 164 BC
- Freedom from Syrian rule; purification of Temple
- One day's oil lasted 8 days
- These are the lights of Hanukkah
- A celebration of freedom

***24 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."***

***John 10:24***

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- Are there some keys here to what makes the difference in someone believing in Jesus?
- Is there anything wrong with the question they are asking?
- On one hand, what have they been doing for the last 3 years?
- On the other hand, great question!
- Are you asking the right questions?
- What if He answers and you don't like it?
- Has Jesus been true to Himself?
- Is your real hang-up with your hang-ups?

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- Christ has been clear; they are willfully unbelieving
- The difference between them and the blind man in chapter 9:
- A clear acknowledgement of who Christ is and who Christ is not; an understanding of who he is, his own need for Christ, and a faith response to Christ

***25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.***

***John 10:25-26***

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- The paradox of salvation and the beauty of John
- “You don't believe because you're not sheep”
- God's choice and man's response
- We will not reject or deny either one
- See part of God's comfort here



***27 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."* John 10:27-30**

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- Once you're saved, you're in!
- Several things here:
- 1) "I'm the good shepherd; I call the sheep and I care for them eternally"
- 2) "I cannot fail them. Even when it looks dark, I hold them in My hands!"
- 3) "I'm God, so My care is as limited as God's."
- 4) We are part of God's gifts to His Son.

***31 Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to  
stone him,  
John 10:31***

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- They want to stone Him because they understand His answer
- Anyone who answers differently is a cult

***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 you, a mere man, claim to be God.” 34 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'? 37 Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. 38 But if I do them, 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."***

***John 10:32-38***

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- Here is a gracious diversion
- See My works; what do they say about Me?

***39 Again they tried to seize him, but  
he escaped their grasp.***

***John 10:39***



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- Why do we respond with such violence to Jesus?
- His goodness is a direct challenge to our delusion of self-existence and our depravity

***40 Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. There he stayed, <sup>41</sup> and many people came to him. They said, “Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true.” <sup>42</sup> And in that place many believed in Jesus.***

***John 10:40-42***

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- God is using even violence, rejection, and death to accomplish His purposes
- Jesus knew He had time ~ and so do you!
- This is revisionist or wishful thinking
- It illustrates the great Biblical truth that God's plans cannot be thwarted

***<sup>9</sup>...remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me,  
<sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,  
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'...***

***Isaiah 46:9-10***

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- Back with John the Baptist, who was all about Jesus' fame
- Will you be John the Baptist?
- What is your life pointing people to?
- Our primary message must be Christ

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- What voices do you recognize?
- Ask God questions; when He answers in a way you don't like, how are you responding?
- Be comforted from this passage, strengthened in your trust of God
- Jesus is God; Jesus saves you; Jesus eternally cares for you
- Is your heart ready to hear?
- Will you pray for and point to Jesus?



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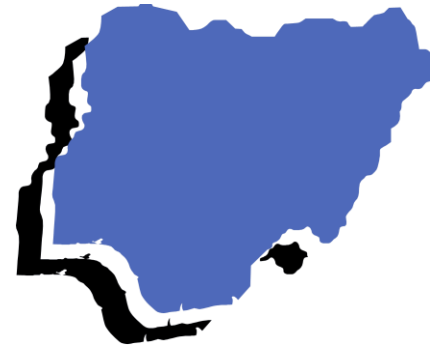
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A still life arrangement of autumn harvest items including pumpkins, gourds, and corn cobs. The background is a soft-focus photograph of these items, with a prominent ear of corn in the foreground. The text is overlaid in a stylized, orange-red font with a drop shadow effect.

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**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**@ Matt & Cammy Prine's**

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# Women's Ministry

## Upcoming Events



Ladies Bible Study ~ 7 PM ~ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Cammy Prine / December 5<sup>th</sup> the home of Nicole Page

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