- A. The Authority Of The Shepherd (10:1-6)
 - 1. There is only one true shepherd (10:1) Isaiah 43:11
 - 2. He is the only one who can enter at the only door (10:2)
 - 3. He is to be obeyed at the door (10:3a)
 - 4. He possesses His flock (10:3-4) Psalm 95:7

The sheep are the life of the Shepherd

- A. The Authority Of The Shepherd (10:1-6) continued
 - 5. His flock cannot be fooled (10:5)
 - 2 Corinthians 2:11
 - I John 4:6
 - 6. There is only one message (10:6)

Romans 9:32

- B. The Access By The Shepherd (10:7-13)
 - 1. The claim (10:7)
 John 14:6
 - 2. The condemnation (10:8)
 Jeremiah 50:6
 - 3. The contrast (10:9-11)
 - 4. The counterfeit (10:12-13)

 Matthew 6:24

- C. The Attributes Of The Good Shepherd (10:14-18)
 - 1. He knows His sheep (10:14b)
 - **Psalm 103:7**
 - 2. He is known (10:14c-15b)
 - a. By the sheep (v 14c)
 - b. By God the Father (v 15b)
 - 3. He will die for the sheep (10:15c) John 15:13

- C. The Attributes Of The Good Shepherd (10:14-18) continued
 - 4. He will increase the flock (10:16) Ephesians 2:13-14
 - 5. He is loved by God the Father (10:17) Romans 5:8
 - 6. He is the power of resurrection Philippians 3:10

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- D. The Assessment Of The Shepherd (10:19-21)
 - 1. The conflict caused (10:19)

Matthew 10:34-35

2. The choices made (10:20-21)

Matthew 16:15-16

Equal With God John 10:22-42

Jesus Asserts His Equality With God

I. The Desperate Time (10:22-23)

A. The need for cleansing (10:22)

John 10:22

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

Jeremiah 8:20

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

I. The Desperate Time (10:22-23)

B. The needed was outside (10:23)

John 10:23

And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Acts 3:11

And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

II. The Determined Debate (10:24-26)

A. The disingenuous question (10:24)

John 10:24

Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Proverbs 26:4-5

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

II. The Determined Debate (10:24-26)

B. The direct answer (10:25)

John 10:25

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

I Told You

- 1. I am the one who came from heaven (John 3:13, 6:38)
- 2. Whoever believes on Me has eternal life (John 3:15)
- 3. I am the unique Son of God (John 5:19-23)
- 4. I will judge all humanity (John 5:19-23)
- 5. All should honor Me just as the honor God the Father (John 5:19-23)
- 6. The Scriptures all speak of Me (John 5:39)
- 7. I perfectly reveal God the Father (John 7:28-29)
- 8. I always please God and never sin (John 8:29, 8:46)
- 9. I am uniquely sent from God (John 8:42)
- 10. Before Abraham was, I Am (John 8:58)
- 11. I am the Son of Man, prophesied by Daniel (John 9:37)
- 12. I will raise Myself from the dead (John 10:17-18)
- 13. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:48)
- 14. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)
- 15. I am the Door (John 10:9)
- 16. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

II. The Determined Debate (10:24-26)

C. The decisive reason (10:26)

John 10:26

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

III. The Destiny Of The Delivered (10:27-30)

A. They are different than you (10:27)

John 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

B. They have a destination that you need (10:28) John 10:28

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

III. The Destiny Of The Delivered (10:27-30)

- C. They have a defender instead of you (10:29-30) John 10:29-30
- 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
- 30 I and my Father are one.

III. The Destiny Of The Delivered (10:27-30)

D. They have a determination that you do not have (10:29-30)

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

IV. The Disgust Of The Deprayed (10:31-33)

A. Their opposition (10:31)

John 10:31

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

B. Their obstinance (10:32-33)

John 10:32-33

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

V. The Dilemma Of The Deceived (10:34-38)

A. Christ's answer (10:34)

John 10:34

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Psalm 82:5-7

- 5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
- 6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.
- 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

V. The Dilemma Of The Deceived (10:34-38)

- B. Christ's application (10:35-36)
- John 10:35-36
- 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;
- 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

V. The Dilemma Of The Deceived (10:34-38)

C. Christ's assessment (10:37-38)

John 10:37-38

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Who is the blasphemer now?

VI. The Departure Of The Divine (10:39-42)

A. From the danger (10:39)

John 10:39

Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

B. To the desert (10:40)

John 10:40

And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

VI. The Departure Of The Divine (10:39-42)

C. For the devoted (10:41-42)

John 10:41-42

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

What Would It Take For You To Believe Jesus Is The Messiah?