

## The Shepherd: Permanence

### In this Series . . .

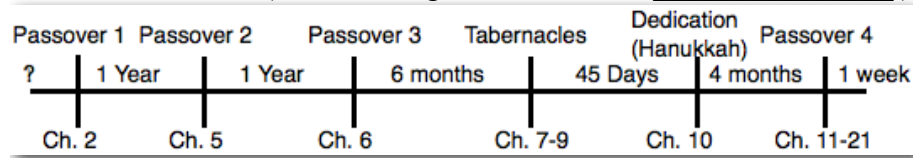
1. We have learned that Jesus declared Himself to be the \_\_\_\_\_ that had been \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament.
2. We've seen \_\_\_\_\_ advantages of having Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd.

### The Setting

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

John 10:40 Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed 41 and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true." 42 And in that place many believed in Jesus.

The holiday is \_\_\_\_\_. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ holiday before the death of Christ. (The meaning of Hanukkah -- \_\_\_\_\_)



This is the last \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of Jesus and the \_\_\_\_\_ time that He will call upon "the Jews" to \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus returned to Aenon to \_\_\_\_\_ the last \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, . . .

\_\_\_\_\_ believed in Jesus in this place.

### The Big Question

John 10: 24 The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 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 can 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."

The question had \_\_\_\_\_ purposes: to \_\_\_\_\_ to the holiday and to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as a blasphemer.



Jesus responded that He had \_\_\_\_\_ made the claims and that He had done miracles that \_\_\_\_\_ the claims.

Then Jesus returned to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sheep:

- You do not \_\_\_\_\_ because you are \_\_\_\_\_ my sheep.
- My sheep \_\_\_\_\_ and they \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- As a Shepherd, I \_\_\_\_\_ them; I give them eternal \_\_\_\_\_; I \_\_\_\_\_ them from destruction; I hold them \_\_\_\_\_ in My hand.
- My Father \_\_\_\_\_ them to me; He is \_\_\_\_\_ than anything; and He \_\_\_\_\_ holds them securely in His hand.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Statement: "I and the Father are one!"

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one

### The Typical Response

John 10:31 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, 32 but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" 33 "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "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 the Scripture cannot be broken — 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 what my Father does. 38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." 39 Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

The last statement of apparent \_\_\_\_\_ infuriated the Jews so \_\_\_\_\_, they picked up stones to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

Lev. 24:16 anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

Jesus asks a \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ question.

The Jews do not \_\_\_\_\_ the miracles, but say that their actions are the result of His claims of \_\_\_\_\_. At least they \_\_\_\_\_ it!

Jesus used their \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ His statement.

The final invitation -- Jesus then offered \_\_\_\_\_ solutions:

1. "Examine my \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ if I am God."
2. "Examine the \_\_\_\_\_, that you may \_\_\_\_\_ who I am."

The Jews refused to examine \_\_\_\_\_ as many still \_\_\_\_\_ to do today -- to their own \_\_\_\_\_.