

Lesson 15: The Good Samaritan and The Feast of Dedication

The Feast Of Dedication (John 10:22-42)
July 21, 2021

THE JEWS SEEK TO STONE JESUS AT THE FEAST OF DEDICATION. John 10:19-42

10:30-33 – Jesus and the Father are one.

- The Jews understood His claim and took up the stones to stone Him.
- Jesus was not claiming that He and the Father are one person (cf. Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:19), but that both possess the nature of God-hood. (Philippians 2:6-7; John 1:1-3)
- The Jews accuse Him of blasphemy understanding that He claimed to be God. (John 5:17-18; 8:24, 58-59; 17:20-21)
- If Jesus was not who He claimed to be then He was guilty of blasphemy and should have been stoned. (Leviticus 24:16)

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10:34-36 – Jesus boldly claimed to be the Son of God. He never renounced his claim to be God.

- Moses was **like God** to Aaron his brother and prophet (Exodus 4:16).
- Jesus reasoned that if judges (civil rulers), who **represented God** in their appointed office (Romans 13:1ff; 1 Peter 2:13ff), could be called “gods,” “sons of God” in the Hebrew Scriptures (cf. Exodus 22:28; Psalms 82:6), then it would not be blasphemy for Him, who has been sent into the world to be called “God.”
- The Scriptures cannot be broken, set aside, or made void at will.

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- Having set aside their false judgment which was based upon his **words**, Jesus again bids them to consider His **works** or manner of life. (cf. John 5:30-44)
- Jesus departed out of their hands. (We are not told how. cf. John 8:59; Luke 4:30)

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- Jesus went where John was baptizing at the first. (cf. John 1:28)
- Many came to Him and believed on Him. (John 7:31)
- John had prepared the way for Christ and many in this area had been receptive to his teaching. (John 1:27-34)
- John did no miracles even though he was “*filled with the Holy Spirit.*” (cf. Luke 1:15)

Lesson 16: A Second Group Of Parables

The Strait Gate: Warned Against Herod (Luke 13:22-35)
July 28, 2021

The Strait Gate: Warned Against Herod – Luke 13:22-35

Luke 13:23, "Lord, are they few that are saved?"

The question is not: Who does God desire to be saved? 2 Peter 3:9; cf. 1 Timothy 2:4

- *There is no partiality with God, for God has extended His invitation to all* (Acts 10:34-35; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17; cf. Galatians 3:26-29; Romans 6:3-6) *through the gospel of Jesus Christ* (2 Thessalonians 2:14).

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- Possibly prompted by the Lord's statements regarding the small beginning of the kingdom.

Note: Jesus' answer indicated that many shall be excluded from the kingdom. Even the questioner, and all others who hear, need to be careful and give the matter their own personal attention lest they be among that many. Though the Jews thought salvation was exclusive, it might be more exclusive than they had considered.

- Jesus had already addressed this:
 - *Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it* (Matthew 7:14 NKJV).
 - *He also said, "Many are called, but few are chosen"* (Matthew 22:14).

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Luke 13:24, "Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for **many**, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

- "**Strive** (*agonizesthe*) may be translated 'struggle,' 'agonize,' 'fight,' 'contend,' or 'compete' (1 Cor. 9:25). It was sometimes used in allusions to the extreme exertion required in athletic competition (John 18:36; 1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Cor. 9:25).
- "Paul said, 'To this end I also labor, striving according to His mighty working which works in me mightily' (Col. 1:29; see also Phil. 2:12-13 and 1 Tim. 4:10).
- "In the end, he said, 'I have fought the good fight' (2 Tim. 4:7). He said that Epaphras was 'always laboring fervently' in prayers (Col. 4:12). All this required self-discipline."
(C.G. Caldwell, *Luke*, Truth Commentaries, page 779)

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- "**Many** will not be saved though they "seek" to be. **Why is that?**
 - They do not "strive" to enter in.
 - *Many want to go to heaven but are not willing to put in the diligent effort needed to be pleasing to God.*
 - *Many are simply not willing to work for the prize of eternal life in heaven* (cf. Philippians 2:12-13; Acts 2:40).
 - *An athlete must do more than desire the crown.* (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

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Luke 13:25, "When once the master of the house is risen up, and **hath shut to the door**, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us: and he shall answer and say to you, **I know you not whence ye are**"

- *The time for entrance is limited, when the limited time has passed, he can not enter, no matter how earnestly he may seek or strive.* (cf. Genesis 7:13-24)
- cf. *Five foolish virgins.* Matthew 25:1-13.
- *Though addressing Him as Lord, they had refused His invitation. Now they are too late.*
- cf. Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Timothy 2:19

Note: Pleading avails nothing (cf. Matthew 25:31). *The door would not be narrow if it opened to excuses.*