

John 10:30-42

John 10:30-33 – *“(30) I and my Father are one. (31) Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. (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.”*

A. There is unity in all three persons that are deity (**John 16:13-15, John 17:7-10, John 17:20-23**, and **I John 5:7**).

1. The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are all deity (**Romans 15:6, Romans 9:5**, and **Acts 5:3-4**).

2. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are also known as the “godhead” in the Scriptures (**Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20**, and **Colossians 2:8-9**).

B. The Jews wanted to stone Jesus for blasphemy because His statement about being one with the Father necessarily inferred He was God (**John 19:6-7**; cf. **Mark 14:60-65** and **John 8:58-59**).

1. Had Jesus really blasphemed the name of God He would be worthy of death under the Law of Moses (**Leviticus 24:10-14**).

2. As many people today, they could not understand how God could be in the flesh. Yet, that is exactly what Jesus was (**Philippians 2:5-11** and **I Timothy 3:16**).

C. “For a good work we stone thee not” is an interesting contradiction. How many “good works” are as good as the work Jesus did (**Matthew 20:28** and **Titus 2:11-14**)?

1. They never had a true charge to make against Jesus (**Matthew 27:3-4, Matthew 27:23-24**, and **Acts 13:26-28**; cf. **Hebrews 7:26** and **I Peter 2:21-23**).

2. All Jesus did was “many good works” (**Matthew 11:5** and **Acts 10:38**).

John 10:34-38 – *“(34) Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (35) If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture can not 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? (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.”*

A. Jesus cited **Psalms 82:6**.

1. Jesus says that those through whom the word of God came were those whom were called gods. Thus, how much greater He who came from God is the consideration (**Isaiah 11:1-5, John 5:30, John 8:42**, and **Romans 8:3**).

2. They fail to see that Jesus is the word in the flesh (**John 1:1-5; 14**).

B. Jesus asks them to consider the evidence from the works He has done (**Acts 2:22**).

1. The works Jesus did were an even greater witness than the preaching of John the Baptizer (**John 5:36**).

2. They would never consider the evidence for they refused to see the works (**John 12:37-40**).

John 10:39-42 – *“(39) Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, (40) And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. (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.”*

A. Jesus had to escape for, as we've learned before, it was not time for Him to die (**John 7:30** and **John 8:20**).

1. When it was His time to die, He did not attempt an escape (**John 13:1-3** and **John 18:1-12**).

2. When you think of having to escape from something you can somewhat understand the atmosphere during this event (cf. **Psalms 124:6-8**).

B. Jesus went beyond Jordan to where John first baptized (**John 1:15-28**).

1. Many came unto Jesus (**Matthew 4:23-25**, **Mark 1:33-38**, and **Luke 5:1**).

2. As we've learned before, this does not mean they will stay with the Lord (**John 6:60-66**).

3. John didn't do miracles to convince the people, he simply preached the word of God (**Matthew 3:1-11**).

4. While John didn't perform miracles, he did have a great task in preparing the way for Christ and turning many in Israel back to God (**Luke 1:5-17**).