

Problem:

avoid the Trinity and give up ground to cults who repeat one of the earliest heresies

Here is why the Trinity is so important - if you miss the trinity you miss God for... (main Idea)

Text:**The Revelation of a Triune God**

John 10:22 ¶ At that time **the Feast of Dedication** took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,

John 10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

John 10:24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, "**I told you, and you do not believe.** The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,

John 10:26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 10:30 **I and the Father are one.**"

(22) the feast of dedication:

The feast of the Dedication (also known as Hanukkah) was a feast celebrating annually the Maccabean victories of 165–164 b.c. - when Judas Maccabeus drove out the Syrians, rebuilt the altar, and rededicated the temple on 25 Kislev (1 Macc 4:41–61). From a historical standpoint, it was the last great deliverance the Jewish people had experienced, and it came at a time when least expected. Josephus ends his account of the institution of the festival with the following statement: "And from that time to the present we observe this festival, which we call the festival of Lights, giving this name to it. I think, from the fact that the right to worship appeared to us at a time when we hardly dared hope for it" (Ant. 12.7.6 [12.325]).

(30) I and the Father are one:

1. There is one God:

Deut 6:4; 1 Cor 8:4; Gal 3:20

2. The Father is God: John 6:27-29; 3:16 and He is God is for us

3. The Son is God: John 1:1-4, 14; 20:28; (god with us) 1 John 5:20

4. The Spirit is God: John 1:13; 3:5-8; 14:16-17; (He is IN us) 1 John 5:6-9

5. In three persons —> not one person but one "thing" or one essence in three persons:

in John 10:30 - the phrase "are one" en esmen is neuter not ie. not one person but one "thing"

Gen 1:1 (plural of Elohim); Gen 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Matt 3:16-17 (the Father is not the Son or the Spirit..)

The Rejection of a Triune God

John 10:31 ¶ **The Jews picked up stones again to stone him.**

John 10:32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from **the Father**; for which of them are you going to stone me?"

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for **blasphemy**, because **you, being a man, make yourself God.**"

again: John 8:56-59 (Before Abraham was I AM)

The Record of a Triune God

John 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'?

John 10:35 If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—

John 10:36 do you say of him whom **the Father** consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, '**I am the Son of God**'?"

John 10:37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me;

John 10:38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works (**contrast with the judges in Psalm 82**), that you may know and understand that **the Father is in me and I am in the Father.**"

John 10:39 Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

John 10:40 ¶ **He went away again across the Jordan** (**contrast 10:22-23**) to the place where John had been baptizing at first, **and there he remained.**

John 10:41 And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true."

John 10:42 And many believed in him there.

(34) I said you are Gods: Psalm 82 - play on elohim plurality

(OT judges were to stand in the place of God to judge His people- their unjust works showed their humanity and their guilt)

(Ex 21:6 and 22:8 translated judges in KJV - about delegated authority)(Exodus 6:30-7:2 (like God to you))

an argument from lesser to greater -

if it is permissible to call men "gods" because they were the vehicles of the word of God (35), how

much more permissible is it to use the word "God" of him who is the Word of God?

(37) The Works of the Father: John 10:25, 32, 37, 5:16-25 the works of the Father are the works of Christ - the works of the Triune

God revealed

(40) He went away again:—> across the Jordan

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Application: the Father =God is for us; the Son= God is with us; The Spirit= God is IN us

Main Idea:

Christ came to reveal a Triune God

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"All sorts of people are fond of repeating the Christian statement that "God is love." But they seem not to notice that the words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love."

C.S. Lewis

Application:

In the person of the Father - we can always know that **God is for us** - John 3:16

Application: Rom 8:28-32 - Be encouraged always He is not holding out on you

In the person of the Son we can always know that **God is with us** - Jn 1:14

Application: Matt 1:23; 28:18-20 - Be bold always He is with you as you go

In the person of the Holy Spirit we can always know that **God is in us** - John 14:15-17

Application: 1 Cor 3:16 - Worship Him always He is in you as you live

read the following articles and discuss:

regarding ignorance of the Trinity:

<http://creation.com/religion-survey-reveals-ignorance-of-bible>

regarding the importance of the Trinity:

<http://www.reasons.org/articles/why-is-the-doctrine-of-the-trinity-important-part-1>

regarding the Nicene Creed:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Nicene-creed.html>