



John 10:31-42

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***“I AM THE SON OF GOD”***

**Introduction:**

**I. THE REASON FOR THE JEWISH CHARGE (10:31-33)**

A. Their Intervention (vs. 31)

“the Jews picked up stones again to stone Him”

B. His Inquiry (vs. 32)

“I showed you many good works from the Father”

“for which of them are you stoning Me?”

C. Their Indictment (vs. 33)

“for a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy”

“because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God”

**II. THE REPLY OF JESUS TO THE CHARGE (10:34-38)**

A. The Evidence of His Words (vs. 34-36)

“Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS?’” (Psalm 82:6; c.f. Exodus 4:16)

“If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken)...”

“do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming...’ ”

“because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

B. The Evidence of His Works (vs. 37-38)

“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me”

“but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works”

“so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father”

### III. THE RESPONSES TO JESUS' CHALLENGE (10:39-42)

#### A. The Quick Get-Away (vs. 39)

“therefore they were seeking again to seize Him”

“He eluded their grasp”

#### B. The Quiet Place (vs. 40)

“He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing”

“He was staying there”

#### C. The Queue of Followers (vs. 41-42)

“many came to Him”

“While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.”

“Many believed in Him there.”

### Conclusion:

- 1) We have the knowledge of God in Him, for He is God.
- 2) We have forgiveness of sins in Him, for His death had infinite merit in atoning for sin.
- 3) We have victory over circumstances in Him, for He lived above circumstances.
- 4) We have triumph over death in Him for He rose from the dead and has promised to so raise all whom the Father has given to Him.

### Food for Thought:

- 1) Why did some of the people so violently reject Jesus' claim, “I and the Father are one”?
- 2) In the light of such rejection of clear evidence for Jesus' deity, to what extent should we use apologetics in our witness?
- 3) Can people who profess to believe in Christ but knowingly deny the trinity be saved? What key truths are at stake?
- 4) Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but not God the Son. Why is denying Jesus' deity spiritually fatal?