



Jesus - Man, God, or Both?

LESSON 1: Can We Trust the Claims of Christ

ANCHOR STATEMENT: I believe that Jesus is the Messiah as He claimed, and that everything else He claimed about Himself is true.

MAIN PASSAGE: John 10:22-33

'At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 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." 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, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 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. I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" 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." '

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, and we either believe that He is who He says He is, or we see Him as a liar/crazy person.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Examine what they believe about Jesus's claims but fail to take at face value.