JOHN 10 BIBLE STUDY Bible study of John chapter 10 Origin **Testimonials** Home John Acts Contact John 10:1-6 Bible Study Select Language 1/4 John 10:7-11 Bible Study: I Am the Door John 10:12-21 Bible Study: Hireling John 10:22-29 Bible Study: Feast of Dedication John 10:30-42 Bible Study: I And My Father Are One Who's the "shepherd" and the "sheep" (John 10:2)? __ is the shepherd and _____ are the sheep. Who's the "thief and a robber" (John 10:1)? How about the "doorkeeper" (John 10:3)? L who are supposed to guard & protect Jesus' followers on His behalf. Was Jesus' teaching of sheepfold & shepards figurative or literal? All of it is _____. Jesus is describing a sheepfold in a town, where the sheep of visiting shepherds are kept together. When a shepherd is ready to leave town again, he returns to the sheepfold and calls out his sheep, who recognized his voice and follow him out through the gate, which the doorkeeper opens. Individual flocks in the region were not thousands of animals but small enough for the shepherds to know their sheep individually

Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep" in John 10:7 and repeated, "I am the door," in John 10:9. Are they figurative or literal statements?

and even name them like we name our pets today.

What Jesus describes is a shepherd's own sheep pen, Once the sheep have been brought into the sheep pen for the night, the shepherd lay and slept across the mouth of the cave or the gap in the fence so that no sheep can leave or predator enter without awaking him; he literally served as the door of the sheep pen.

Whom do you think the "thief" refers to in John 10:10?

And what about the "life" to be had "more abundantly" in John 10:10?.

What do the sheep do in the "pasture" (John 10:9)?
They of God.
Jesus' sacrifice separates Him from the gods of what other religion?.
Who were the hirelings of the day?
The leaders of Israel.
What does he mean by "other sheep which are not of this fold" who will also "hear My voice" (John 10:16)?
G who will believe in Him.
Who took Jesus' life on the cross - the Jews or the Romans? (John 10:17-18)

What is the "Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah)"?

The Feast of Dedication celebrated the re-dedication of the temple of Jerusalem in 164 BC after the Jewish victory over Syrian occupiers who had built an altar to Zeus in the temple of Jerusalem three years earlier, enraging the Jews and triggering an eventually victorious armed revolt.

What is "Solomon's Porch"?

It was the wood-roofed, double columned area that ran along the eastern edge of the temple area, overlooking the Kidron Valley & facing Mt. of Olives.

Did Jesus keep the Jews in doubt about His identity and not speak plainly as they claim in John 10:24?

He spoke so plainly about it that "they took up stones to throw at

Him"(John 8:59) the last time they squared off. (Note that a couple of months has elapsed between John 10:21, which was right after the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Feast of Dedication in John 10:22.)

Based on John 10:28, once you become Christian, who can "snatch" you away from Jesus?

Nobody, and for emphasis Jesus repeats His statement in John 10:29.

Then what about the people who give up Christianity and choose another religion or become atheist?

Either they were never really Christian - the sheep of Jesus - to begin with or gave up their Christianity by their apostasy.

What about the "Christians" who say, "Since we can't be snatched away, let's do whatever we want?" (John 10:4)

What charge are the Jews bringing against Jesus that merits picking up "stones again to stone Him" (John 10:31)?

"You, being a Man, make Yourself God." (John 10:33)

Then are the Jews' charge against Him justified?

No, Jesus isn't a man who is making himself God; He is God declaring His deity.

What is Jesus referring to in John 10:34-36?

Psalm 82, which sarcastically calls unjust judges, "gods" (Psalm 82:6) and foretells "God" (Psalm 82:8) arising to judge the earth justly: "1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods. 2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah 3Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5They do

not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High. 7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes." 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations."

What is Jesus saying in John 10:37-38?

That since He walked His talk, His actions support His claim of deity, which they should believe.

How many founders of religions walked their talk like Jesus?

None. They said some things deemed to be virtuous but had trouble living up to their own words.

JOHN 10:39-42 ³⁹ Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. ⁴⁰ And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. ⁴¹ Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." ⁴² And many believed in Him there.

How do you think Jesus "escaped out of their hand" in John 10:39?

He probably just walked right through them like He did in John 9:59.

Where did He go thereafter?

He went "beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first" (John 10:40), which sounds like Bethabara on the other side of the Jordan river that we read about in John chapter 1: "These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing." (John 1:28)