



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **John 10:22-31 Study Hints for Discussion**

#### **[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)**

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. Why do you think Jesus refused to tell the Jewish religious leaders directly that He was the Messiah?**

Based on their traditions and worldly expectations, they had a preconceived idea about what the Messiah would do that the Father did not send Jesus to do. To tell them directly that He was the Messiah would have prevented Jesus from fully saying and doing all the Father wanted Him to say and do as the true Messiah according to the Scriptures. The religious leaders also felt threatened by Jesus and feared a loss of political power if He were the Messiah.

## **2. In whose name did Jesus do His works and why?**

Jesus did His works in His Father's name, and His works testified to Jesus as the true Messiah.

## **3. Why did the religious leaders refuse to believe Jesus?**

They did not belong to Jesus' sheep.

## **4. What are three benefits when believers follow Jesus?**

Jesus gives them eternal life (a quality of life with God that will last forever). No matter what happens in this life, they will never perish, but live in the presence of God forever. No one will be able to snatch them out of Jesus' hand; though they may suffer in this world, Jesus will keep believers close to himself, love and care for them, and protect them.

## **5. In whose hands are Jesus' sheep? Why is this important?**

In the hands of the Father and Jesus. No one will ever be able to separate the believer from the love and tender mercies of the Father and the Son. Believers in Jesus have eternal security and will never perish.

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