

At the Feast of the Dedication

Lesson aim: To examine Jesus' teaching at the Feast of Dedication and the further development of the animosity of the Jews toward Jesus.

Jesus heals a blind man--Jn. 9:1-41

- 1. Should we conclude that all of our problems are the direct result of sin in our lives? What should be our attitude toward trials?*
- 2. To what truth about Jesus did the sign of the healing of the blind man point?*
- 3. Was there any doubt as to the authenticity of this miracle? Why did the enemies then deny it? Why were the parents reluctant to give their testimony?*
- 4. Trace the developing faith of the blind man as indicated by the way that he addressed Jesus in this chapter.*

The allegory of the Good Shepherd--Jn. 10:1-18

- 1. Outline the points Jesus makes about Himself as he calls Himself "The Good Shepherd".*
- 2. What did Jesus mean, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold?"*

Further division among the Jews--Jn. 10:19-21

1. *Describe the difference in the opinions people held of Jesus. Which is more reasonable?*

Another attempt to stone or arrest Jesus for blasphemy--Jn. 10:22-39

1. *To what did Jesus appeal as proof of the claims He had made?*
2. *What are the responsibilities and blessings of the true flock of God?*
3. *Why does Jn. 10:28-29 not teach "once saved, always saved"?*
4. *Why was it not inappropriate in view of the Scriptures for Jesus to claim that He was God? What answer did Jesus offer those who objected to His claim of oneness with the Father?*

Research challenge:



Jesus' claim to be "the good shepherd" is rooted in OT prophecies of the Messiah's coming. Find examples of these prophecies to share in class.