Jesus Claims to be God September 19, 2021 John 10:1-42

If Jesus is God then, I have to decide:

To follow Him or follow the world (myself).

As C.S. Lewis said, "He is either liar, lunatic or Lord."

Jesus is Lord and in John 10:1, He is the Door.

Jesus is the door- I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

The sheep <u>hear</u> his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (v3)

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.`

Psalm 139:13-16

⁶ "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

²⁵ "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? Matthew 6:25-27

The Lord knows us better than we know ourselves.

He has created us, knows us, walks with us and sustains us.

How does He lead us out or lead us?

The sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. (v. 4)

We are called into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Remember, no one comes to the Father but thru Jesus and unless he/she is drawn (John 14:6).

God is not willing for any to perish. (2 Peter 3:8-10)

God desires that we have a relationship with Him. Not as a "pie in the sky God," a "far away God," or the "God of our parents." God, thru Jesus, knows us and wants us to know Him.

How do I know God's voice, that is how do I know God personally?

First, trust in Him as Savior and Lord.

Time in His Word.

Holy Spirit

God's Church

God will never contradict His Word. When I spend time with God and His Word, He is faithful to speak.

Temptations
Instances
Me

Encouraged

Time with the Lord recharges our battery.

Many sheep would drink at the same place or be at the same place. The Shepherd would then call the sheep and the sheep knew His voice. The more we walk with Him DAILY, the more we will know His voice.

They do not know the <u>voice</u> of strangers (v,5) ...all who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. (v.8)

So many voices calling out to us today. Some voices that seem legit, some that are flat out wrong, some that seem ok and some that get us off track.

World, friends, politics, Covid, internet, sin

Of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the voice of Truth.

~ Casting Crowns - Voice of Truth

Known by my own. (v.14)

Personal relationship

Know me and hear my voice and follow me. (v. 27)

Take up our cross and follow Jesus!

"It's hard to hear the voice of God when you already decided what you want Him to say."

~Unknown

So how do I spend time with God, how do I hear from Him?

MAKE TIME

HAVE A PLAN

PRAY

ACCOUNTABILITY

BE WITH BELIEVERS

BE IN GOD'S WILL NOW

Prayer Focus:

Am I in a position to hear God's voice?

What do I need to do to put myself in such a position?

Am I obeying God's voice?