



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Winning the Souls of the Critics: Apologetics

Session Number: 36 | Week: 6 | Day: 3

Bible Passage

John 10: 22-30

Introduction

In this session, John 10: 22-30, we focus on three claims of Jesus to the Jews who claimed to be in suspense: Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus is the Son of God and the exact nature of God. The Jews, who were wavering between two opinions about Jesus being God, refused to believe in Jesus because they were not his sheep. Understanding this session will help us to win the souls of our critics by providing enough proof of Jesus’s claims of being God

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood Jesus’s claim as being God by looking at his answers to his critics
- Reflected Jesus’s identity as being 100 percent man and 100 percent God while he was on earth
- Known how to win the souls of your critics by giving reason for your faith.

Session Outline

- Jesus claims to be God, Messiah
- Jesus’ works show he is God
- Jesus’ exact nature with God
- Jesus gives eternal life

Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

Comprehending

- Did Jesus ever claim to be God? How would you answer critics who say Jesus never claims to be God? John 10:30. Jesus said he and God the Father have the exact same nature. Omnipotent, (all powerful) omniscient, (all-knowing) omnipresent (ever-present). Discuss these three.
- Read John 10: 22-24. What question do critics always ask themselves about Jesus? Why did people feel in suspense about Jesus being the Messiah? What is the meaning of Messiah?
- Read John 10: 25-30. List at least three things Jesus said about himself as equal to God when answering critics’ questions. These three statements can only be said by God only

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.