

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 23
Belief

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 128

A. Introduction
(John 10:22-25a)

B. Elements of belief...
(John 10:25b-42)

1. Receive Jesus as _____.
(John 10:25b-42. C/R: John 3:19-21; 6:39-40;
1 Thessalonians 2:13)

2. Recognize Jesus' divine _____.
(John 10:32-39. C/R: Psalm 82:6; John 1:14; 5:16-18; 7:30;
8:58-59)

3. Rely on the Bible's _____.
(John 10:40-42. C/R: John 5:38-39; Romans 10:17;
1 Corinthians 2:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 2:13;
2 Peter 1:20-21)

Answers: 1. shepherd 2. identity 3. testimony

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you draw closer to God. Try not to rush through these questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you in His Word. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Have you ever been able to instantly recognize the voice of a loved one even in the midst of a noisy crowd? If so, describe the situation.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [John 10:22-42](#) (Reading #128 in *The Life of Jesus*).

Did the Jews truly want to know if Jesus was the Messiah ([vs. 22-24](#))?

In what specific ways—earlier in His ministry—had Jesus already clearly told the people whether or not He was the Messiah ([vs. 25](#))?

Why did Jesus tell them they weren't His sheep ([vs. 26](#))?

What's true of Jesus' sheep ([vs. 27](#))?

The sheep have only one important trait, but it is the only one they need: They listen to the voice of the Shepherd.

– Michael Card, *The Parable of Joy*:

What has been your experience hearing the voice of Jesus?

How can you know if what you're hearing is from God?

How convinced are you that Jesus is God? What are the main reasons you believe that He is or is not God? Do you think someone could ever talk you out of that belief ([vs. 28-30](#))?

Why did the Jews pick up rocks to stone Jesus ([vs. 31-33](#))?

Jesus answered them in [vs. 34-39](#) by quoting [Psalm 82](#). What do you think He was trying to say?

How is true belief displayed in [vs. 40-42](#)?

List several things that are true about Jesus from this passage.

Which of these truths is most significant for you right now, and how do you think Jesus wants you to respond?

Soul Training

Keep yourself open to God with **Fixed-Hour Prayer**—Plan a schedule that fits well in your day, pausing at appointed times to pray for several minutes. Determining ahead of time when you will meet with God is a great way to care for your soul.

Memory Verse

My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish—ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand.

[John 10:27-28 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
June 26	128		John 10:22-42
June 27	129		Luke 13:22-30
June 28	130-131		Matthew 23:37-39 ; Luke 13:31-35
June 29	132		Luke 14:1-6
June 30	133		Luke 14:7-14

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, July 2, we'll consider the cost of following Jesus. Prepare ahead by reading [Luke 14:25-35](#) (Reading# 135 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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