

# **THEM ARE FIGHTING WORDS**

John 10:30-39

Introduction:

## 1. The Words which Provoked a Conflict

### A) Remember the Context

- > The Jews have asked Jesus to end the suspense and tell them who He really is (John 10:24)
- > Jesus' response was to the point (John 10:25-27)

### B) Jesus answers their question in a manner and to a degree that seems simple enough

- > The statements

I and the Father are One (John 10:30)

The Father is in Me and I am in the Father (John 10:39)

- > The significance

The Father and the Son are one in will and in action (John 10:28-29)

The Father and the Son are one in essence and yet distinct (John 3:35; 8:17-19; 17:1)

- > The consistency of Jesus' claim (John 5:17-18; 8:57-59)

## 2. The Violent Response to the Word

### A) Their immediate response is full of hatred and violence

- > They want to stone Him as a mob without a trial (John 10:31)
- > They attempt to seize Him – not likely for fellowship (John 10:39)

### B) The Reason for their violent response

- > They understand exactly what Jesus was saying – He is God.

Therefore they call Him a blasphemer (John 10:33b)

Jesus, from their perspective, is a man who makes himself to be God (John 10:33c)

> Their error - Jesus isn't a man who makes Himself to be God

Jesus is God who made Himself a man (John 1:1, 14)

Jesus is the Son of God sent into the world to bring life (John 6:47-51)

> Their problem - They refuse to believe the Scriptures, the signs, and the words of Jesus (John 9:30-38)

### 3. Significant Lessons

#### A) Deviant teachings about the person of Jesus Christ

> Jesus the Messiah will come to reign over a righteous people in fellowship with God

> Jesus, the Son of God, is not One with the Father

The modern day perversion that Athanasius confronted is called Jehovah's Witness

The Jews in John 10 would not have had a problem with Jesus making such a statement. (John 8:58)

> Jesus is not a man who became a God

Jesus, fully God, became man (Philippians 2:6-11)

> Jesus is a great prophet, but not God – Islam

Indeed, Jesus is a great prophet – in fact the very “Word” of God

He is not just one who speaks for God, but the very Word of God (John 1:1, 18)

#### B) The offense of the Gospel is the deity of Jesus Christ and His death on a cross. (1 Cor 1:20-25)

> Religion isn't good enough

> The only hope for humanity to escape the eternal wrath of God is Jesus Christ (John 20:31)

#### C) The danger of a seeker sensitive mindset

> But there is nothing that is seeker sensitive about the gospel God (Romans 3:10-12)

> We are commissioned by Jesus Christ to speak God's Word on His behalf

His sheep will hear His voice and follow Him