

## Can a Man Be God – Radio Show #37

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. In this passage, we see a confrontation between the Jews and the Lord at the Feast of Dedication. They surround Him and demand He tell them if He is the Messiah or not. He replies that He told them, but they did not believe, and then makes the stunning statement that He and His Father are one.

III. John 10:33-42. Why a man can be God.

A. V.33. They have to answer the One they were going to execute! They recognize His meaning: He makes Himself God. If they were wrong, the Lord should have told them, not excused His words. Remember the point of John: that we believe!

B. The Lord's argument. John 10:34-38.

1. V.34. "Your law," they emptily claimed it. The word "law" is used for all the Hebrew Bible. Psalm 82:6.
2. V.35. "Gods" those to whom the word of God came. Scripture cannot be broken, a Biblical statement of Word's infallibility. Hinges on word "gods."
3. V.36. He argues His right to be called God. Like drunk in the gutter is still a man, so how much more is a responsible citizen a man. His works proved He was sanctified and apostled.

C. The Psalms passage. Psalm 82.

1. What does the Psalm mean?
2. What does the Hebrew word "God" mean?
3. Who were the "gods" in Psalm 82?
4. What were the gods in Psalm 82 like?

D. V.37. One who claims what Christ did but does not do works, do not believe!

E. V.38. He does do works to back it up: believe Him. No other miracle worker ever claimed to be God. Again claims equality with God. Purpose of John.

F. V.39. The Jews reject His argument, again seek to arrest Him, but He escapes.

G. V.40. He escapes to the wilderness where John identified.

H. V.41. Many of the people seek Him there, because they judge His works rightly.

I. V.42. Many believe. The Lord was not rejected by the people, just the leaders.

IV. Conclusion: The Old Testament proves that a man could be called God. The Jews' understanding of Jesus' words proves that He claimed to be God. And the works that He did prove that He was God. What will our response to this evidence be? Will we reject Him in hatred like the Jews? Or will we respond wisely and in faith like many of the people? The choice is ours to make!