

# Encounter

Safe in the Shepherd's Hands      John 10:22-39

Assurance is **MUDDIED** by unbelief vv. 22–25

Jesus is in **JERUSALEM** during the feast, at the temple.

Leaders, “Tell us **PLAINLY**.” Jesus, “I told you **CLEARLY**.”

His **WORKS** testify. His **WORDS** testify. His **LIFE** testifies.

Their **UNBELIEF** caused their doubt

Assurance rests on **KNOWING** and **BEING KNOWN** by Jesus vv. 27–29

“My sheep **HEAR** My voice, and I **KNOW** them, and they **FOLLOW** Me.”

Notice the order:

He **KNOWS** them.

He gives them **ETERNAL** life.

He **HOLDS** them.

Notice the promise:

“They will never **PERISH**.”

“No one will **SNATCH** them out of My hand.”

Assurance Rests on Jesus' True **IDENTITY** vv. 30–39

“I and the Father are **ONE**.”

Assurance is fragile if Jesus was just a **GOOD** man, a **MORAL** teacher, or a **RELIGIOUS** guide

Jesus is: **FULLY** God, Sovereign, All-powerful, **UNSTOPPABLE**

Application: If **DEATH** could not stop Him, and **ENEMIES** could not overpower Him, then nothing can **OVERPOWER** His grip on you.

## Life Group Discussion Questions – March 1, 2026

**John 10:26-28** *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

### **DISCOVER** (Read John 10:22-30)

1. Think back on a recent time when you read or heard something but read too much into it and missed the point. What does this say about your heart?
2. When have you “blown it” with your walk with God? What does it normally take to get you back on an even keel with Him?
3. How has Jesus proven Himself to be who He professes to be? How can the assurance of being known by Jesus provide comfort and security in times of uncertainty? What does it mean to “hold on tight” to Jesus? When life storms arrive, is it better to hold-on even tighter to Jesus or is it better have faith in whom He has proven Himself to be? Explain.
4. Why are many Christians unable to distinguish God’s voice from their own thoughts?

### **EXPLORE**

1. In John 10:22-25, the Jewish leaders pressed Jesus and said, in a sense, “Quit being so unclear if you are the promised Messiah or not.” The Lord responded, “I have already told you plainly.” Where do you see that Jesus spoke with unmistakable clarity? What scriptures might you reference? How does Deuteronomy 19:15 apply? (Hint: when Jesus “spoke,” it wasn’t necessarily with words.)
2. Read Hebrews 10:19-23. How does understanding the role of the Most Holy Place in the Old Testament enhance our appreciation of what Jesus accomplished for us?
3. Read John 10:27-30. What is the relationship between “My sheep hear My voice” and “I know them.”? What’s the relationship between “they follow Me” and “I give eternal life”? Between “they will never perish” and “no one will snatch them out of My hand”?
4. The Jewish people are monotheistic, believing in only one God, Yahweh. But Jesus was saying He was God, too. Why is there so much power and comfort in the truth that Jesus is one with the Father? How might you explain this to a Jewish friend? What counter-points might you anticipate?

### **EXPERIENCE**

1. How can the assurance of access to God through Jesus impact our response to challenges and trials?
2. What are some practical ways you can ensure you are listening to Jesus' voice in your daily life?
3. How can you know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that there is absolutely no way that Jesus can lose His grip over you? In what ways does this knowledge influence your daily walk with Christ?

### **PRAY**

*Father in heaven, I am prone to wander and I am like a wind-tossed wave, not finding consistent firm footing in my daily walk with You. Help me to not lean on my own understanding, but on Your iron-clad promises; that my soul is inextricably bound to Jesus; that “my anchor holds within the veil.” Thank You, Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*