



April 6

Jesus' Works Reveal His Divinity

Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless. Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy. Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked. – Psalm 82:3-4

[Luke 12:41-59, Jerusalem and Perea] It was the Feast of the Dedication* at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's porch. The Jews therefore came around him and said to him, "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you don't believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, these testify about me. But you don't believe, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand. *I and the Father are one.*"

Therefore Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "*I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of those works do you stone me?*"

[*Hanukkah, i.e. end of December]

The Jews answered him, "We don't stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy: because you, being a man, make yourself God."

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Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, 'I said, you are gods?' [Psalm 82:6] If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture can't be broken), do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?' If I don't do the works of my Father, don't believe me. But if I do them, though you don't believe me, believe the works; that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

They sought again to seize him, and he went out of their hand. He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was baptizing at first, and there he stayed. Many came to him. They said, "John indeed did no sign, but everything that John said about this man is true." Many believed in him there.

1. Why didn't Jesus say, "I am the Christ"? How is he "one with" and "in" the Father?
2. What works are in Psalm 82? Did Jesus do these? Do you? What will you do today?
3. Jesus, you are the Christ, the Anointed, the Messiah, but you're also one with the Father...