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Jesus Identifies Himself as the Son of God at *Hannukah* (10:22-30)

When was Hannukah?

What is *Hannukah*?

Why the menorah (lampstand) with nine branches?

₂₂ Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem and it was stormy.

₂₃ So Jesus was walking in Solomon's Portico in the temple *courtyard*.

²⁴ Then Judean *leaders* surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You hold us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us openly."

²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you•, but you• do not believe. The works that I do in the name of My Father— they testify about Me.

²⁶ "But since you• are not part of My sheep, you• do not believe— as I told you•.

²⁷ "My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.

 $_{28}$ "I also give them everlasting life, they will never ever perish, and no one will snatch them from My hand. $_{29}$ "My Father who has given *them* to Me, is greater *than* all. And no one can snatch them from My Father's hand.

 $_{30}$ "We (I and the Father) are one."

Judeans Again Try to Stone Jesus (10:31-39)

³¹ Therefore those Judean *leaders* again picked up stones, so they might stone Him.

₃₂ Jesus answered them, "Many good works have I showed you• from My Father. For which work from *among* them do you• stone Me?"

³³ Those Judean *leaders* answered Him, saying, "We are not stoning You for a good work, but for blasphemy, namely, because You, being a man, make Yourself God."

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your• law, «I said, 'You• are gods'»? ³⁵ "If He called them 'gods' to whom the word of God came— and Scripture cannot be broken—

 $_{36}$ "do you• tell *Him* whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

³⁷ "Unless I do the works of My Father, do not believe Me.

³⁸ "But if I do *them* (even though you• may not believe Me), believe• the works, so you• may know and believe that the Father is in Me and I *am* in Him."

³⁹ Therefore they were again seeking to arrest Him, but He went out of their hand.

Conclusion