

THE JEWS' FINAL REJECTION OF JESUS
PART 2: THE CHARGE OF BLASPHEMY
(John 10:31-42)

- I. The CHARGE (John 10:31-33)
 - A. They pick up ROCKS to STONE Jesus
 - B. Jesus responds by asking for which of the “many GOOD works from the FATHER ... are you stoning Me?”
 - 1. Jesus identifies His works by their CHARACTER and their SOURCE
 - 2. Jesus challenges them to publicly DENOUNCE those works
 - C. They accuse Him of BLASPHEMY
 - 1. They thought He was a man who MADE HIMSELF out to be God
 - 2. He was really God who had MADE HIMSELF into a man
 - 3. They BLASPHEMED by charging Jesus with blasphemy
- II. The CHALLENGE (John 10:34-38)
 - A. Jesus cites “the LAW” applying the word “GODS” to MEN (cf. Ps. 82:6)
 - 1. Jesus affirms the RELIABILITY of the very WORDS of Scripture
 - 2. Even UNJUST judges act as “gods” by RULING as God’s REPRESENTATIVES
 - 3. They had been merely RECIPIENTS of the Word of God
 - B. Jesus explains the irony of their charging HIM with BLASPHEMY
 - 1. He was SANCTIFIED by the Father

2. He had been SENT from the Father INTO THE WORLD
 3. They DARED to charge Him with blasphemy because He said, “I am the SON OF GOD”
- C. Jesus charges them to RE-EXAMINE the EVIDENCE
1. If His works are NOT those of the Father, they should not BELIEVE
 2. If His works ARE those of the Father, they should believe His WORKS even if they don’t believe His WORDS
 3. They will recognize “the FATHER is in ME, and I in the FATHER”

III. The CONSEQUENCES (John 10:39-42)

- A. They try to ARREST Jesus
- B. “He ELUDED their GRASP”
- C. He ABANDONS Judea and crosses the JORDAN