

Hanukkah: Revealing the Son of God



Scripture

- **John 10:22-42**

At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and I give eternal life to them, and 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; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS?' If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father." Therefore, they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there. Many came to Him and were saying, "While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true." And many believed in Him there.

Other Scriptures

- John 10:17-19
- John 17:9
- John 6:45
- Matthew 16:15-18
- John 6:44
- Daniel 7:13-14

Main Points

- Yeshua, Jesus, celebrated Hanukkah.
- *Hanukkah* is the Hebrew transliteration of the English Feast of Dedication

- English blessing *Blessed are You, LORD* in Hebrew is **Baruch ata Adonai**
- *Our God, King of the universe* in Hebrew is **Eloheinu, melekh ha'alam**
- *Who has sanctified us with His commandments* in Hebrew is **asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav**
- *and has commanded us to kindle* in Hebrew is **v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner**
- *the Hanukkah light* in Hebrew is **shel Hanukkah**.
- *Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days at this time.*
- **Blessing on the first night of Hanukkah:** Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam Shehecheyanu vekiyimanu vehigianu lizman hazeh which in English is "*Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.*"
- Dreidel toy has 4 letters on it.
 - Hebrew transliteration Nun/Nes in English is miracle
 - Gimel/Gadol means Great
 - Hey/Hayah means Was
 - Shin/Sham means There
- Nes Gadol Hayah Sham means A Great Miracle Happened There in English.
- Hebrew transliteration Hanukkah in English means Feast of Dedication
- Jesus is the Savior of the world, and the Messiah of Israel.
- Everyone to whom the Father reveals Himself comes to the understanding that Jesus is the Messiah.
- God is continuing to reveal Himself to His people.
- Yeshua was God Himself clothed in humanity.
- The Father is in Yeshua, and Yeshua is in the Father.
- Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai **Ehad** in English is Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the Lord is One.
- God can manifest Himself as Father, Son, and Spirit.
- God is One, and Yeshua is God Himself clothed in humanity.
- Yeshua's claims were undeniable because of the power that was on Him.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is Hanukkah considered a season of miracles? What is the miracle that it celebrates?
2. What did the dreidel camouflage from the rulership of the Greco Romans?
3. Why is Hanukkah also called the Feast of Dedication?
4. Who is behind people coming to Jesus and having real faith in Him?
5. Did the Jewish people of Jesus' day understand Jesus' claim to be God? How do you know this? Why did this offend them? What did God really mean in Duet. 6:4? Take a moment to thank God for these wonderful gifts of faith and Jesus!