<u>John 10:30</u>

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Think about John 10:30.

(Jesus said to the Jews) "I and the Father are one."

- What is true of Jesus and God the Father?
- What do you think Jesus meant by saying, "I and the Father are one"?

John 17:10-23 (Jesus prayed to God his Father) "All mine are yours, and yours are mine, ... keep them (believers) in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ... that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, ... that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, ...

• What does God want us to do in response to this truth?

John 5:21-23 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ... that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

(2)

Think about John 10:31-33.

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."

(Note: *blasphemy* is hateful speech or actions against God, intended to take away from his worth. Under the Jewish law, the penalty for blasphemy was death. <u>Leviticus 24:16</u>)

- What reason did these Jews give for why they were seeking to kill Jesus?
- How would the question Jesus asked, help these Jews to see the error in their judgment? (See John 10:31-33 quoted above.)
 <u>Luke 6:43-44</u> (Jesus said) "... no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. ..."
- Do you think Jesus was guilty of blasphemy? Why or why not?

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Think about John 10:34-36.

Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came -- and Scripture cannot be broken -- do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

Think about Psalm 82:6.

(God says to earthly rulers and judges;) I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you,"

- In reasoning with these Jews as to why they were wrong to condemn him for blasphemy, Jesus quotes from the Jewish Scriptures Psalm 82:6. What two truths does Jesus declare about the Scriptures? (See John 10:34-36. quoted above.)
- What did Jesus teach about the all the words written in the Scriptures?

Luke 24:44-46 (After Jesus rose from death he appeared and said to his disciples) ... "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ... "