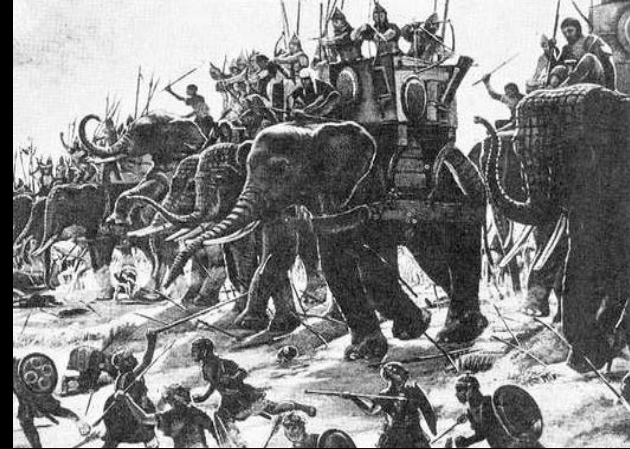


JESUS AT CHRISTMAS TIME



JOHN 10:22-39

I. The background for the feast of dedication is found in **Daniel 11:29-35**.



- What can we learn about God's sustaining and strengthening care for His people?
- How did the Maccabeans win that war?
- What can we learn from the one day of oil that lasted for eight days? (Kislev 25)

II. The 4th century dating of Christmas is tied to the dating of His death.



- Why would the Greeks celebrate the crucifixion on April 6 instead of March 25?
- Why tie the events of **Luke 1:26-38** to the crucifixion?

III. Jesus in John 10 is celebrating a feast that is not in scripture (v. 22-24).



- What good reasons would Jesus have for celebrating a traditional holiday?
- What good reasons do we have for celebrating a traditional holiday?

IV. Jesus spoke the truth plainly to those celebrating with Him (v.25-33).



- Why would Jesus share truths that would confront celebrating people?
- In what ways should we be sharing truth with celebrating neighbors?

V. Jesus carefully explained His teaching to those who would not listen (v.34-39).



- Why would Jesus continue sharing truth with those who tried to kill Him?
- How did Jesus use Psalm 82:6 to illuminate His ministry?
- How can we use the scriptures to illuminate the teaching of Christ?

Call to Action: To stand forth as lights in the season of lights.



- How does God sustain and strengthen us?
- Why is it important to join in celebrations?
- How can our celebrating of Christmas bless our families and friends?
- What truths should we be sharing with our celebrating neighbors?
- How can our sharing of scripture bless seeking hearts?

-How can we help?