At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Je-ru-sa-lem. It was winter, 23 and Je-

sus was walk-ing in the tem-ple, in the portico of Sol- o-mon. 24 So the Jews gathered around

him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in sus-pense? If you are the Messiah, tell

us plain-ly.” 25 Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not be-lieve. The works that I do

in my Father’s name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to

my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they fol-low me. 28 I give them e- ter-
nal life, and they will never per-ish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Fa-

ther has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Fa-ther’s hand. 30

The Fa-ther and I are one.”  V The Gospel of the Lord.  Rx Praise to you, Lord Christ.