

### (19) Withdrawal Beyond Jordan (Jn. 10:40-42)

1. Beyond the Jordan is the region of Perea. This was the first region in which John the Baptist ministered and announced the coming Christ (Jn. 10:40 cf. Jn. 1:28).
2. This short episode presents a very sharp contrast between the Judeans and Pereans.
  - a. The Judeans would not believe either the message or the miracles (Jn. 10:25-26).
  - b. The Pereans believed the message despite the noted lack of miracles (Jn. 10:41-42 cf. 20:29).
3. Everything John said about Jesus was true (Jn. 10:41b).
  - a. Not worthy to untie the thong of His sandal (Jn. 1:27).
  - b. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin (singular) of the world (Jn. 1:29,36).
  - c. Pre-eminent in time and glory (Jn. 1:30).
  - d. Identified by the dove descending at His baptism (Jn. 1:31-33).
  - e. The Son of God (Jn. 1:34).
  - f. John's message regarding Jesus' person (Jn. 1:19-34) set the table for John's message regarding Jesus' work (Jn. 3:25-36).