



## Believing Christ - Responding to John's Gospel

### John 10:22-42. "As with Father, So with Son."

#### John 10:22-30

Vs 22 - Feast of Dedication = Hanukkah (around Nov/Dec).

Vs 24 - "Jews" codeword for Jewish religious leaders, i.e. Pharisees and Sadducees.

Vs 25a – Jesus revealed Himself as the Christ to Samaritan woman at the well (4:26) and to the blind man (9:35-36). In His dialogue with the Jewish leaders, He has never hid His identity (John 5:19-47, 6:28-49, 7:16-19, 28-29, 8:48-58, etc.)

Vs 25b-26 – His miracles witness to Who He is. They don't believe because they are not His sheep who know and follow Him.

#### John 10:31-38

1) Vs 33 - Jews understood Jesus was claiming to be God. Stoning was the punishment for blasphemy (Leviticus 24:23).

"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse...but let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, Harper Collins, 2023, page 55-56.

2) Vs 36 – Jesus claimed to be set apart and sent into the world by the Father (compare John 8:58).

3) Vs 37 – Jesus claims to do the works/signs of the Father, so they must believe Him.

**APPLICATION: Is Jesus truly God? What will you do about it?**