

# **IF... YOU ARE THE CHRIST**

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## **John 10:22-42**

### **Tags**

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### **Introduction**

Since the days of their youth, the religious leaders had long been told of a promised messenger sent by God to rescue his people. They had heard all of the prophecies. The scriptures were clear: the Christ, an anointed one of God, would be the promised deliverer of the Jewish nation.

Like sheep, which only recognize the voice of their particular master, these men are deaf to the voice of God standing before them. Public hostility towards Jesus has continued to build, and has now risen to a fever pitch. Three months after Jesus' claims that He is the Door, the only way to the Father, and the only means of salvation, these hostile religious leaders have encircled Jesus as he is walking in the Colonnade of Solomon. With stones in hand, the Jews press in preventing his escape, daring Jesus to repeat his previous claims. The Jews demand, 'How long will You keep us in suspense? IF... YOU ARE THE CHRIST, tell us plainly.'

### **Outline**

**See The Shepherd (vs 27-30)**

**Jesus is the answer to the problem of brokenness in the world. (vs 27-28)**

**Focusing on His Character stabilizes our lives (vs 27-28).**

**We often fear when we ignore or forget what God's already said to be true (vs 22-31)**

**Hear His Voice (vs 28-30)**

**His Love is Greater (vs 28-30)**

**Pride is living a life as if you don't need God. (vs 22-31)**

**You are not held by your own strength. (vs 29-30)**

**What Jesus offers isn't from this world, so nothing in this world can ever take it away. (vs 27-30)**

### **Application**

**Who are you listening to?**

**What does your relationship with Jesus look like?**

**Have you turned from your way to follow Him?**

### **Questions**

1. In what ways do you struggle with religion over a relationship with Jesus?
2. Focusing on Who God is will stabilize and calm your life. Which attributes of God (He is good, He is love, He is sovereign, etc.). will you commit to study and hold on to in the days to come
3. When you give your broken life to Jesus, He gives His eternal life to you. What does this mean for facing daily accusation from the enemy?
4. How does this impact shame, guilt, misplaced identity, and the ugly names you believe about yourself?
5. The average American spends 327 hours a month consuming media. Who would you say speaks to you the most: The world, the enemy, the flesh, or the Savior?
6. How do you pursue the voice of Jesus in His Word?