

Beyond Religion.

Relationship Not Religion
John 10.22-31

Jesus clearly teaches that Following Him is a relationship.

Shepherds and Sheep

Shepherds and sheep had a bond

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.

24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. 26 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

Just as a shepherd knows his sheep, Jesus knows his followers.

The Value Of Relationship Over Religion

You know God knows you

You live life differently

You have assurance about eternity

You are free

A Relationship with Jesus is forever. Religion is forever too. Just not in a good way.