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A moral question

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It was the time when the feast of Dedication was being celebrated in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the Temple walking up and down in the Portico of Solomon. The Jews gathered round him and said, 'How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus replied: I have told you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name are my witness; but you do not believe, because you are no sheep of mine. The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.' (John 10, 22-30)

Jesus is the Messiah, but not only. He is also the son of God; He is God Himself. By declaring He is one with the Father, He means that He is of the same substance, as we profess in the Creed. Whoever does not welcome Him as God and Lord, it is because accepting this truth involves radical changes in one's life. In the end, the act of faith is a moral question. Do you accept that Christ will disrupt your life today and forever?