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The goodness of my works

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Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no

one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (John 10: 22-30)

Jesus tried to inform those who questioned him of His goodness and the works and deeds that accompanied his teachings as evidence of their origin, as from of the One who sent Him to save us. However, for those who do not want to follow Him, Jesus's works are not enough to change their minds about the Truth that is right in front of their eyes. Let us ask ourselves if, today, we are doing everything as the Lord has commanded us to do or if we are adapting reality to our mentality and comforts.