

John 10

I am the Door vs 1-10
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Ezekiel 34

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

If we are sheep--What does God do as shepherd?

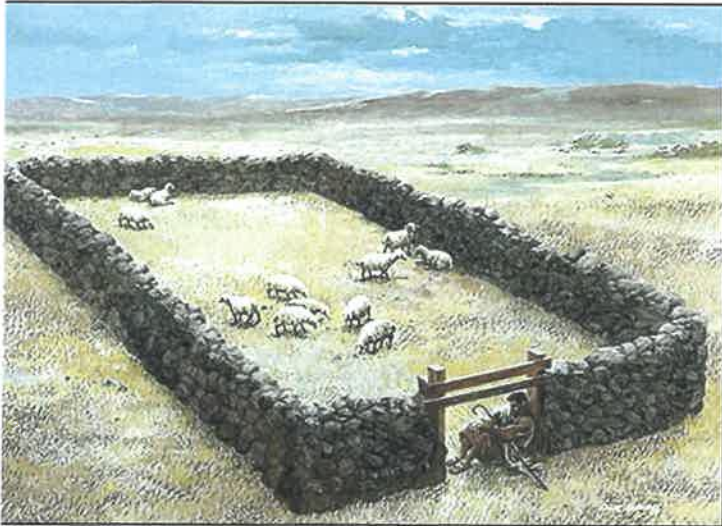
I Am the Good Shepherd

¹⁰ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the

Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

The Sheepfold & Gatekeeper



Community Sheepfold

- One large, central pen, (sheepfold) for a given community
- End of the day, shepherds brought their small, individual flocks into it
- Contained several different flocks of sheep; no worries of becoming lost or intermixed
- Sharp rocks & thorns attached to top of walls
- Place of protection

Gatekeeper

- Community pooled their resources to pay a gatekeeper
- Spent the night with the flock
- Protected from thieves & outside threats
- Laid across door (gate opening) to stay aware

Morning

- Gatekeeper opened the gate to the true shepherds
- True shepherds could enter the sheepfold and retrieve their sheep
- Flocks all mixed up
- Shepherd knew his sheep
 - ✓ picked them out
 - ✓ called with a signal
 - ✓ called by individual name
- Sheep knew their shepherd's voice

How is Jesus the GOOD shepherd? What is mentioned in the text?

Ancient, eastern shepherds would **LEAD** their flock; there were exceptions but, generally, they didn't **DRIVE** them



19-21

¹⁹ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" ²¹ Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

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²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said 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 bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, 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."

WHAT JESUS HAS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF—(so far in the Book of John alone)

- He was in heaven with the Father before the Father sent Him to earth
- He would return to the Father
- Identity and equality with God the Father
- Unique link between heaven & earth
- He holds the power to ensure that those who believe in Him have eternal life

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JESUS' STATEMENTS	VERSES
Told Nathaniel he would see heaven opened and the angels ascending & descending on the Son of Man	1:51
Told Nicodemus that Son of Man had descended from heaven	3:13
Called God His own Father, making Himself equal with God	5:17-18
Spoke of doing what He saw & heard the Father doing	3:11; 5:19, 20
Father had given him life in Himself	5:26
Scriptures bear witness about Him	5:39
He had come in the Father's name	5:43
Moses wrote about Him	5:46
Claimed to be the Bread of Life	6:35
He had down from heaven...to do...the will of Him who sent Him	6:38
Bread of Life who came down from heaven	6:41-42; 6:51
His words were spirit & life	6:63
Teaching was not His but from the the One who sent Him	7:16
Came from the true One and would go where His opponents could neither find Him or go themselves	7:28; 34; 36
Called Himself the Light of the World	8:12, 9:5
Claimed to be from above and not of this world	8:23
"Came from God...He sent me"	8:42
Those who keep His word will not taste death	8:52
"Before Abraham was, I am"	8:58
When asked who the Son of Man was, Jesus said, " You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you." The man worshipped him	9:35-38
Said the father had given Him authority to lay down his life and to take it up again	10:18

WHAT JESUS DID—ASSERTING HE IS MESSIAH (so far in the book of John)

- ❖ Turned water into wine 2:6-10
- ❖ Promised to give living water 4:10-14
- ❖ Told Samaritan woman all she had ever done 4:29
- ❖ Healed the man lame for 38 years 5:1-16
- ❖ Fed the 5000 6:1-13
- ❖ Walked on water 6:16-21
- ❖ Healed the man blind from birth 9:1-7

Million dollar question: After seeing these things, how could these religious leaders not understand He was God?

What aspects of the Lord do we see just in v27-30?

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" ³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'?" ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— ³⁶ do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸ but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." ³⁹ Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

Psalm 82

⁶ I said, "You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
⁷ nevertheless, like men you shall die,
and fall like any prince."

¹⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹ And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." ⁴² And many believed in him there.

