The Good Shepherd

Lesson 10: John 10

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Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
Review

• 1:1-18  Prologue
• 5-17    Ministry
  • 1:19-4 Start of ministry
  • 5-12   Increase of unbelief
  • 13-17  Increase of faith
• 18-21   Response
  • 18-19  Culmination of unbelief
  • 20-21  Culmination of faith
The signs

• 2:1-12  Water into wine
• 4:46-54  Healing of nobleman’s son
• 5:1-17  Healing at Bethesda
• 6:1-14  Feeding of the 5,000
• 6:15-21  Jesus walks on water
• 9:1-41  Healing of the man born blind
• 11:17-45  Resurrection of Lazarus
• 20:1-18  Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ
• 21:4-8  Miraculous catch of fish
I am

- 4:26 – I am
- 6:20 – I am
- 6:35 – bread of life
- 6:41 – bread from heaven
- 6:48 – bread of life
- 6:51 – living bread from heaven
- 8:12 – the light of the world
- 8:18 – He who testifies
- 8:24 – I am
- 8:28 – I am
- 8:58 – I am
- 10:7 – the door of the sheep
- 10:9 – the door
- 10:11 – the good shepherd
- 10:14 – the good shepherd
- 11:25 – the resurrection and life
- 13:19 – I am
- 14:6 – the way, the truth, the life
- 15:1 – the true vine
- 15:5 – the vine
- 18:5 – I am
- 18:6 – I am
- 18:8 – I am
“I am” summary

• The bread (4x)
• The light
• He who testifies
• The door (2x)
• The good shepherd (2x)
• The resurrection and the life
• The way, the truth, and the life
• The vine (2x)
Outline

• 1-21    Feast of Booths
  • 1-10   The Door
  • 11-21  The Good Shepherd
• 22-39   Feast of Dedication
  • 22-30  Belief and the sheep
  • 31-39  Accusation of blasphemy
• 40-42   Perea
Imagery Key

- Door – Jesus
- Thief/robber – antichrists, false teachers, Pharisees
- Sheep – Believing Jews (1-13) and Gentiles (14-18)
- Doorkeeper – John the Baptist
- Shepherd – Jesus Christ
- Wolf – Satan and his followers
- Hired hand – overseer with bad motives
The Door
John 10:1-5

1“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

• Shepherd vs. robber
• How to enter the fold
• How shepherds act
• Access to the sheep is through the door
• Sheep recognize the shepherd
The Door
John 10:6-9

6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

• Jesus provides additional information
• Door
  • Entry
  • Protection
• The door, not a door
• We do not save ourselves
The Good Shepherd
John 10:10-13

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 is not the owner of 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 is not concerned about the sheep.

• The thief actively tries to harm the sheep
• The hired hand thinks more of himself
• The shepherd lays down his life for the sheep
The Good Shepherd  
John 10:14-17

14 I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

- Mutual knowledge of the shepherd and the sheep
- Mutual knowledge of Jesus and the Father
- One flock, one shepherd
- The Father loves the Son for His sacrifice
The Good Shepherd
John 10:18-21

18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?” 21 Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

• No one could take Jesus’ life from Him
• Jesus’ authority came from the Father
• Continued division
• The words and works go together
Belief and the sheep
John 10:22-26

22At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. 24The 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.” 25Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me. 26But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.
Accusation of blasphemy

John 10:27-32

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. 32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?”

• What sheep do
  • Hear Jesus’ voice
  • Follow Jesus

• Jesus and the sheep
  • He knows them
  • He give them eternal life
  • They won’t perish
  • They will not be taken from Him or the Father

• The sheep are given by the Father
Accusation of blasphemy
John 10:33-36

33The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” 34Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? 35If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

• Not for His works, but His words

• Blasphemy
  • Depriving God of honor
  • Distorting His character

• Was Scripture blaspheming?
• Jesus’ works show His connection to the Father
• John was a true witness although he did no signs
• People continue to believe

37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there. 41 Many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.” 42 Many believed in Him there.
Summary

• Jesus is the door of salvation and abundant life
• Jesus lays down His life for the sheep
• Jesus gives the sheep eternal life
• The sheep hear Jesus’ voice and follow Him
• No one can take the sheep out of the hand of Jesus or the Father