

The Good Shepherd

Lesson 10: John 10

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Purpose: John 20:30-31

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. ²But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵A 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

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

⁷So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep**. ⁸All 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

¹⁰The 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. ¹²He 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, ¹⁵even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For 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

¹⁸No 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.”

¹⁹A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?” ²¹Others 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.

- Jesus probably returned to Galilee
- Knowledge does not make someone believe
- His works also testified
- Only sheep believe

Accusation of blasphemy

John 10:27-32

²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My 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. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. ³²Jesus 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?

Perea

John 10:37-42

³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but 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.”

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

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

- Jesus’ works show His connection to the Father
- John was a true witness although he did no signs
- People continue to believe

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