



John 10:1-42

(Basic Bible in English)

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ is still in a confrontational mode with the Pharisees and the leaders of Israel. He's just healed a blind man which has caused a big stir because He did it on the Sabbath.

This is a powerful chapter for any who question how many roads there are to heaven and how many messiahs there are. There is also warnings here for any in power or has authority over others, because God will hold you accountable for how you judged and treated others.

1 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. Why is He bringing it up like this? After He healed the blind man, the Pharisees are accusing Him of everything from having a demon to being a thief. He is threatening their religion, their power, and their income. Jesus Christ is a big threat to the Pharisees and the religious leaders of Israel at that time.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning and Jesus Christ used this format many times. The people don't understand what He's talking about. He's healed a blind man and the man was rejected by his family and is on his own now, but Jesus didn't let the man wander alone. Jesus came for the man and helped him.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear (listen) them. This is what Jesus is calling the Pharisees – robbers and thieves. It's like today we have heard many stories that there are many ways to heaven, but that's a lie. Those other ways will lead you to hell. The only way to heaven is by Jesus Christ.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (peace). He's talking about the peace you have if you belong to Christ.


10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. We see so many people, even in our time-2000 years later, setting up groups of people to steal from. They steal their belongings, money, and lives. Jim Jones is a prime example-his whole group committed suicide because of his teachings. He stole their lives. If you have Christ, you can have life on this earth to the fullest measure that you can have on this earth. We're not talking about material wealth, but peace of mind and ease of heart.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. A good shepherd will lay down his life for his flock. This is what Jesus Christ is getting ready to do.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. Hired help won't have the same protective instinct as the owner. They will run when danger comes or a better offer comes along.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. We see paintings of Christ leading the sheep. He is the good shepherd.



15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. Within 6 months of Him making this statement, they crucified Him.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd. This verse is very important. The fold means Israel. The other folds that will come join and become one flock, which means Gentiles will join the Jews, and the church will join in too. Jesus has a group or a fold here, but more are to join later to make a flock.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. Here Jesus says He's gonna die, but He will live again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. The Father gave Him power on this earth and no one can force Him to do anything. He went through the crucifixion of His own free will. Without it we couldn't be saved!

19 ¶ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. Some take the truth and run with it, others reject the truth and leave.

20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? This means people not believing you when you tell them about the bible and the word of God.

21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? The devil is not omnipresent like God. It is rare to actually be bothered by the devil himself. Usually it is his minions doing the dirty work.

22 ¶ And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. This is known as the Festival of Lights, or Hanukah. The feast of dedication is when the temple was cleansed after the enemy was kicked out and they had to wait for seven days while they purified oil for lights again.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. It's cold now – winter. Still most people would do their congregating in this place called Solomon's porch.

24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Still got people not sure about Him one way or another. They want Him to tell them plainly – are you Him or not?

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. Here's His answer and we need to pay close attention because the same thing happens today. The reason Jesus did miracles was to attest to His credentials to prove He is the Son of God. He proved to them over and over, but still they didn't believe. He didn't do it to entertain or amaze. He didn't heal everyone. He just did a few miracles to prove He is who He says He is.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. This out of the Lord's own mouth- You cannot lose your salvation, Ever. "Any" means no man, no powers, not satan, not demons – nothing at all can take you away from Christ, ever.


29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and none is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. Nothing on earth or in the spiritual realm can take your salvation away.

30 I and my Father are one. Here it is: Jesus Christ is God.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. This is a killing stone.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? He says, ok, I've done a lot of good works, you've seen Me do them. Which one you gonna kill me for?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Because You say that You're God: that's the reason we're gonna kill You.



34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? Wow. What a statement. Jesus Christ is taking about when God called men in power gods in the old testament, Psalms 82:1-8. See below.

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Psalm 82:1-8

1 ¶ «A Psalm of Asaph.» God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. This doesn't mean there is an assembly of heavenly Gods. They are people whom God has given power to rule over other men. They are God's emissaries on earth. God put you in a leading position and He will hold you accountable for how you judge and treat others.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. There was corrupt judging going on at this time.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. God put them in power and they need to protect the weak, poor and needy. Things have gone astray, the men are making wicked wrong judgments and hurting others with their power that they received from God.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 ¶ I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

John 10:36-42

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

39 ¶ Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, They still didn't believe, still wanted to kill Him. These escapes He made from the mobs were miraculous, even though we don't know how He did it.

40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. Jesus Christ goes to where John first baptized Him and hung out there for a while.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. John the Baptist never performed any miracles but preached that Jesus Christ was coming. He introduced Christ as the messiah of Israel. The Jews rejected Christ and killed Him.

42 And many believed on him there.

This is a powerful chapter for any who question how many roads there are to heaven and how many messiahs there are. There is also warnings here for any in power or has authority over others, because God will hold you accountable for how you judged and treated others.