

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Study of John / John 10:1-21

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I. The Parable of the Good Shepherd. (1-5)

II. The Parable Misunderstood. (6)

III. The Parable Explained. (7-18)

IV. The Good Shepherd Causes Divisions. (19-21)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### Interpretation

1. What does all this sheep talk mean? Who is the stranger? Who are the hired hands? Who are the other sheep?
2. Talk about John 10:10. What does this mean? Do you believe there really is a ‘thief’? Who does Jesus say he is? What is the full meaning of his claim?
3. Why did Jesus say in verse 34, is it not written in “your” law? That is interesting wording.
4. Why didn’t Jesus just flat out say he was the Messiah when they questioned him? Isn’t it interesting that Jesus is always able to “escape the grasp” of an angry, stone throwing mob? How does that keep happening?

### Application

1. What do you see in your own life that “the thief” could use to hurt you or your family? What are some ways you can protect yourself?

2. Do you believe that Jesus is indeed the gatekeeper, or do you believe there are many paths to heaven? What exactly does this scripture tell us and how should that impact our lives?
3. Do you believe that Jesus is who he says he is? Does Jesus leave any other options? What is your response to these claims? What does that truly mean to you? How should you apply your convictions in our society, specifically in a multi-cultural area like ours?

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