

Jesus

The Good Shepherd

John 10:1-17

“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. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “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 listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Jacob said to Joseph,
“the God who has been my shepherd all my life...”
Gen. 48:15

David – “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Ps. 23:1

Isaiah – “He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms.”
Isa. 40:11

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
Ps. 95:7

The perspective of the Shepherd
Jn. 10
Jesus is describing Himself!

1. Jesus is the door.

Truly, truly I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in another way, that man is a thief and

a robber. Jn. 10:1

“Sheepfold”

- . A cave, lean-to,
- . Rock walls or thorn bushes
- . One entrance

But he who enters by the door
is the shepherd of the sheep. (2)

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

“The One who has made the deepest mark on my life and
has become the cornerstone of my life... Thanking Him
for the trials which prepared me for this platform. For
showing me that with Him the impossible becomes
possible. ... Now love it or hate it... the famous last
words...

His final moment was for me, and mine is for Him –
Thank you Jesus!”

Kurt Warner

Hall of Fame speech

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved
(9)

Jesus Saves!

... and will go in and out and find pasture. (9)

. Pass the shepherd's watchful eye

. Connect with Him as the lamb left and as the lamb returned.

. A time for examination – the shepherd would look closely for any injury disease.

A bird in a cage is secure
but not free.

A bird in the open is free
but not secure.

2. Jesus is the voice.

The sheep hear His voice and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out

Jn. 10:3

. Personal

. Individual

. Relationship

. Love /trust

When he has brought out all his own, he goes before
them, and the sheep follow Him,
for they know His voice.

(4)

Dangers are near! And fears my mind are shaking;
Heart seems to dread what life may hold in store; But I
am His – He knows the way I'm taking

More blessed even still –

HE GOES BEFORE!

Doubts cast their weird, unwelcome shadows o'er me,
Doubts that life's best – life's choicest things are o'er;

What but His Word can strengthen, can restore me,

And this blest fact;

that still HE GOES BEFORE!

HE GOES BEFORE!

Be this my consolation!

HE GOES BEFORE!

On this my heart would dwell!

HE GOES BEFORE!

This guarantees salvation!

HE GOES BEFORE!

And therefore all is well!

J. Danson Smith

A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from
him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. (5)

All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

(8)

“My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me.

Jn. 10:27

Jesus is calling!

Are you listening?

Are you following?

3. Jesus is the giver of life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Jn. 10:10

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Jn.10:10

Abundant life!

. The fullness of God in you –

Eph. 3:19

. The fullness of Christ in you –

Eph.1:23

. The fullness of the Holy Spirit in you – Eph. 5:18

. The fullness of His promises –

Eph. 3:6

. The fullness of His blessing –

Eph. 1:3

. The fullness of His power –

Eph. 3:20

4. Jesus is good.

I am the good shepherd.

Jn. 10:11

Fully committed;

Does His job well (good QB)

Excellent; the very best;

Ideal; dedicated; devoted

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

(4x in Jn. 10 – 11, 15, 17, 18)

. The Great Shepherd

Heb. 13:20-21

. The Chief Shepherd

1Pet. 5:4

I lay down My life

for the sheep.(15b).

- . Substitute; in my place;
on my behalf
- . He, Himself, bore our sins in
His body on the cross.
- . Christ loved us and gave
Himself up for us. 1 Pet. 2:24;
Eph. 5:12
- . We know love by this – that He
laid down His life for us.
1 Jn. 3:16

I lay down My life that I may take it up again.
(17)

5. Jesus cares.

He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and the sheep and flees... Jn. 10:12

... he flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. (13)

2 types of sheepfolds in 1st century

- . Winter – 1 fold for entire village cave or roof structure
- town gatekeeper hired to watch all the sheep

. Summer – out in the fields – shepherd would watch his own sheep.

6. Jesus knows His sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me.
(14)

The Lord know those
who are His..
2 Tim. 2:19

Just as the Father know Me and I know the Father and I lay down My life for the sheep (15)

I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also and they will listen to My voice. (16)