



John 10

"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 before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." 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."

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"7 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 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 shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.

"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 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 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."

The Good Shepherd	A Thief and Robber		
Enters by the door	Enters by another way		
The sheep recognize and follow	The sheep reject and flee		
Gives life to the sheep	Take life from the sheep		
Sheep freely go in and out safely	Sheep are abandoned and vulnerable		
Willingly gives his life for the sheep and takes it up again	Will flee and leave the sheep to predators		
Seeks other sheep outside the fold			

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"11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." "19 There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words. 20 And 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 eves of the blind, can he?"

Revelation to the world of sinners	Revelation to individuals	Revelation to multitudes	Rejection by the Jewish leaders	Ministry to the disciples	Ministry to the world of sinners
1-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-17	18-21
Signs			Sermons	Sacrifice	
Public ministry 10:1-21			Private ministry	Paschal ministry	
Galilee & Judea				Jerusalem	
About 3 1/2 years				Only a few days	

Observations

There are many elements in Jesus' discourses that would have been unexpected and controversial.

- 1. He presents himself in ways that are indirect (with signs) so that only a remnant within Israel would recognize him. (NOT EXPECTED)
- 2. He does not come as a political deliverer. (NOT EXPECTED)

His signs hint at his mission - Savior of individual souls.

(NOT EXPECTED)

3. He will be one with God the Father.

Not a part of a Jewish Messiah's resume.

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Who are Jesus' sheep?

- It's as though he had a relationship with them before they encounter him or believe him.
- Those who do not have such a relationship apparently do not hear or understand him.
- The best explanation is that Jesus is calling out the believing remnant within Israel who have been waiting for Messiah.
- The "other sheep" are apparently Gentiles that will one day hear and follow Jesus like the remnant of Israel.

Three questions

1. What constitutes "Abundant life"?

- Jesus' Spirit does not indwell our circumstances but rather our heart in responding to them.
- Don't confuse the O.C. with the N.C. The hope of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are not the same.
- Look at the lives of Jesus and the Apostles for examples.

2. What does it mean to be "free"?

- We are not free from the Good Shepherd.
- We are bound by love, which is a higher calling.
- 3. What is the key to following the Shepherd?
 - Trusting that he is GOOD.
 - Hearing his voice.



Signs that we may not be following the Good Shepherd Anxietv Anger is a negative audit is a negative of the future. audit of the past. "Something awful "Something awful will happen." has happened." · Withdrawal -· Shame -"I can't face it." "I blew it." Bitterness -· Defensive -"Someone else "Don't touch me

blew it."

Signs that we are probably following the Good Shepherd

Courage
is a positive audit
of the future.
"I can follow
without fear."Grace
is a positive audit
of the Past.
"I am forgiven
and forgiving."STARCOSO

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"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5





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- 2. We seek and demand notarization.
 - Is what we are hearing consistent with what he has said before (in SCRIPTURE)?
 - What have I learned from past EXPERIENCES?
 - Does it receive the blessing of the Christian
 COMMUNITY?
- 3. We must trust him.
 - Faith requires **RISK**.
 - Faith is trusting God in the DARK.

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Conclusions

- The world is not a safe place for sheep without a Good Shepherd.
- A Good Shepherd is willing to sacrifice his life for the welfare of the sheep.
- Sheep who are wise (have an ear to hear) will follow him.

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• Those who do not welcome the Good Shepherd will live to regret it.