

# **THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN**

## **CHAPTER 10:1-10**

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

**“Are You a Sheep?” - Part 1**

**THE THEME OF THE BOOK:**

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

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## **Last Time, We Saw Jesus**

**“Teaching” and “Revealing” The Fact That Those Who Come to Trust in Christ as Shepherd – Know His Voice!!!**

**Background Between The Shepherd  
and His Sheep**

**We Remember That –  
The shepherd was a simple man**

**With Simple Equipment  
– Anointing Oil / Sling / Staff / And The Rod...**

Hebrews 12:6-7

For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. 7  
If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom  
a father does not chasten?

**1.) *Salvation is exclusively of God***

**vv.1**

"Verily, Verily, Truly, Truly or Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter  
the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and  
a robber.

**a.) *His salvation is absolute***

**v.1**

"Verily, Verily, Truly, Truly or Most assuredly

**The Scribes and Pharisees offered fear and insecurity**

Matthew 18:11

"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

**b.) *His salvation is direct***

**v.1**

I say to you

**“You” Who?**

**Those in chapter 9:40**

John 9:40

Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words...

The Sheepfold is here under consideration – not so much  
the Sheep or Shepherd but the dwelling of the sheep which  
was the sheepfold

(The Sheepfold - In a Jewish Context)

# Jesus is Being Very Direct Here Because The Issue was All Important

**c.) *His salvation is final***

**v.1**

he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way,  
the same is a thief and a robber.

## **a thief and a robber**

Jesus is primarily accusing the Pharisees of being thieves  
and robbers

**They climb up some “other way”**

**There are other ways out there.**

*And each of them lead to the final destination*

Matthew 24:11

And many false prophets **shall** (in flordian = may or may not)  
(in english = will) rise, and shall deceive many.

## **His Salvation is Final**

**2.) *The Lord is the Shepherd***

**vv.2-3**

2 "But he who enters by the door is the 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.

**a.) *Jesus alone is the qualified shepherd***

**v.2**

"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep

# The Public, Village or Communal Sheepfold Is in mind here

**b.) *Jesus alone is the authorized shepherd* v.3**

"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice;

## **the doorkeeper opens**

when a shepherd came back from his duties in town, he would approach the doorkeeper and validate himself...

"SheepCo Card"

## **To him the doorkeeper opens**

Two views

#1

**John the Baptist was a Doorkeeper**

#2

**The Holy Spirit is the Doorkeeper**

**the sheep hear His  
(the door) voice;**

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**c.) *Jesus alone is the faithful shepherd* v.3**

and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

**by name**  
**Disneyland**  
Grumpy, Dopey, Sleepy, Sneezy

# Jack

A tool used to lift heavy objects  
A male donkey or a male of the equine family  
(Jack-ass)

# God Knows Your Name

I Know He Knows My Name Because He Often Calls Me

Revelation 2:17

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to him a new name..."

Abram – Abraham / Sari – Sarah / Jacob – Israel

#1

**He Calls**  
**By Name Specifically**

Just Off Our Coast  
Are the Channel Islands Among Others...

And On The Westward Side of those Islands, Seals birth their Young. Thousands of Them... Yet Each Pup Knows It's Mothers Call

#2

**He Leads**

Walking as they follow

Psalm 23:3-4

He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 4  
**Yea, (Yahoo – Yepee – Right-on) though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil...**

**Because He leads me  
Jesus will never take  
you, Where He has  
not already been  
Himself**

**What ABOUT DEATH  
“Been There, Done That”**

A Friend of Mine, of ours, a lamb, died last week  
And we cry and put on black and we're sad...

...But a Baby was Born too.  
Every body is happy and smiling and rejoicing

# As Christians, We've got it all wrong

When a Christian Dies  
We Should Be Glad, Excited and Rejoicing Like Crazy  
Ever Been Down South?  
- to a Black Brothers Funeral?  
Down in Mississippi, Atlanta,  
New Orleans? - - I Haven't Either  
- But I've Seen One on T.V.

Isaiah 57:1

People perish; the godly die before their time, and no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to realize that God is taking them away from evil days which are ahead.

Someone Says "Pastor Jack - I'm Gonna Die  
They've Given Me Six Months..."

# ...Glory to God, Can I Come Too

## **NO-WAY**

Man When a Baby's Born into This World  
We should cry and mourn and comfort that poor thing...  
and say to his parents - man I am sorry, I'll pray for you!!!

## **Please Don't Get me Wrong**

Babies Are Sweet and They Might Even have **Dimpled CHADS**  
But it's a cold and lonely world out there

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Sheep are Led, Not Driven**

In Israel, There is only one time you'll see the sheep being driven,  
Smacked - kicked - Abused - Yelled at  
Is when the butcher takes them to the slaughter house to be killed

## **The Smacking, Kicking, Abusing and Yelling**

Has its purpose...  
It's to confuse them and shock them and to scare them into submission

## **Ever Seen a Beaten Animal?**

## **Ever Seen a Beaten Child?**

Luke 17:1-2

...woe to him through whom offenses come! 2 " for It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the depths of the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

# Ever Seen a Beaten Christian?

Zechariah 11:17

"Woe to the (idle) worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against him..."

Hebrews 13:5

"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

## **3.) *Jesus guides His own along***

**vv.4-5**

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

### **a.) *He goes ahead of them***

**v.4**

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

### **b.) *He is recognized by them***

**v.5**

"Yet they will by no means follow a stranger,

**no means  
(trickery, craftiness, deception)  
will follow**

1 John 2:27

**But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you**, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

# Sheep stick

It's the nature of a sheep to stick to the shepherd

### **c.) *He has their confidence***

**v.5**

but will flee from him,  
for they do not know the voice of strangers."

## but will flee from

sadly - it happens in every church of God  
when there are real sheep, you can expect real strangers, and real  
wolves

that's why there are pastors, shepherds over the flock  
to be on guard duty, to be watching carefully, and to walk among them

# JUST CHECKING FOR WOOL

Matthew 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in **sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits.

Just Lift Up Their Wool and Look at Their Fruit  
- it's rotten

They Confuse, Irritate, Upset the Flock

Do Your Children Run Toward You When They're Scared  
Or do they run away from you?

# SHEEP CHECK AHEAD

Acts 20:27-31

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29

"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 "Therefore watch,

and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

**4.) *Jesus teaches his own***

**vv.6-7**

6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. 7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

**a.) *He teaches, and then He teaches again***

**v.6-7**

6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. 7 Then Jesus said to them again,

## **Jesus said to them again**

**b.) *He affirms His position***

**v.7**

"Most assuredly, I say to you,  
I am the door of the sheep.

It's Important That We Understand This

## **I am the door**

The Shepherd Would Stand, Sit or Sleep in the Doorway, Becoming the very DOOR himself

WOLVES could not enter into the fold  
Nor could a sheep leave the fold

# BECAUSE THE SHEPHERD'S BODY WAS IN THE ENTRANCE

## The Application is This

To Leave the Flock You Step Over The Body of Jesus Christ

1 Peter 2:25

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

### 5.) *Jesus saves His own*

*vv.8-10*

8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

## The Shepherding Term "Cast Down"

Psalm 42:11

11 Why are you **cast down**, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

to be **cast down**  
rolled over and unable to stand aright

Psalm 100:3-5

Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

**a.) *No other can save you***

**v.8-9**

**"All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door.**

Matthew 9:35-36

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

**b.) *No other can produce the goods***

**v.9**

**9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.**

Ephesians 2:18

For through Him we have access by one Spirit to the Father.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Psalms 121:7-8

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; he shall preserve your soul. 8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; **for without Me you can do nothing.**

**he will be saved & will go in and out and find pasture.**

1 Timothy 6:6

godliness (God-in-us) with contentment is great gain.

John 4:14

"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

**c.) *No other can open your eyes***

**v.10**

**"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.**

## **?? How Does The Thief Do This??**

**he tries to tell us things that will confuse us, scatter us and contradict what The Shephard has Said and Done!!!**

**Romans 5:9**

**now been justified by His blood (who's blood?), we shall be saved**

**Ephesians 1:7**

**In Him we have redemption through His blood, (who's blood?) even the forgiveness of sins**

**Colossians 1:14**

**in whom we have redemption through His blood, (who's blood?) and the forgiveness of sins.**

**Hebrews 9:12**

**but with His own blood (who's blood?) He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

**1 John 1:7**

**...as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us (has cleansed / is cleansing / shall always cleans us) from all sin.**

## **Like a Shower of Blood**

**Is Mohammed the Door?**

**Is Buddha the Door?**

**Is Confusous the Door?**

Is Krishna the Door?  
Is Joseph Smith the Door?  
Is Billy Graham the Door?  
Is John Paul the Door?

## v.9 "I am The Door.

If you hear about another door or see another door  
Guess what – you've got a robber and thief on your hands

**Steal 2813 klepto (klep'-to);**

to take away by stealth. To take that which is not your own

**Kill 2380 thuo (thoo'-o);**

To mame, cripple, tear, bleed, devour

**Destroy 622 apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee);**

To extinguish, to cause to perish. To expire

**d.) No other can compare**

**v.10**

**I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

Acts 1:3

Jesus - whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs...

Luke 24:1-6

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember...

Acts 3:1-9

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength 8 So he, leaping

up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

Life 4053 perissos (per-is-sos');  
Overflowing, exceeding, abundant, above, more great advantage,  
very highly, beyond measure or what can be counted

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# Amen