

I Am the Door and the Good Shepherd

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John 10:7-21

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Review

- Jesus now shifts His illustrations to a second type of sheep pen
- V1-4 referenced a community sheep pen with gatekeeper who admitted shepherds to call out their sheep
- Jesus came as prophesied² so He claimed to be the Good Shepherd¹¹

Another Sheep Illustration From Jesus

- V7 Jesus alludes to another type of sheep pen: rural circle of stones with opening for gate^{Lk2:8-9} where shepherds slept as the gate
- Jesus is the Door of the Sheep⁷. He is the only way in^{In14:6}
- Christ is critical for Christianity^{1Cor15:3-4} unlike other religions
- Jesus claimed to be God^{In5:17;8:58} and will lay down His life^{10:15} for the sheep
- Only Christianity is by faith in what God has done for us^{Eph2:8-9}
- Jesus has said He is the gate – leaders contested that claim¹⁹
- Jesus calls them thieves and robbers to whom the sheep did not listen⁸
- Many thieves & robbers today - ecclesiastical tyranny: Nicolaitans^{Rev2:15}
- Jesus came that we might be shepherded in holiness^{1Pt1:15-16;2:9}

The Free Offer of the Gospel & Necessity of Faith

- Jesus is the only door⁹ but anyone is invited *if anyone enters*⁹
- Doesn't contradict Jesus^{In6:44} God enables a person to enter
- In10⁹ shows us God receives all types of people regardless of race, culture...
- To be saved you must enter in by Jesus, the door⁹
- That means have faith that God sent Jesus to be your Savior that died for your sins^{1Cor15:3-4;1Pt2:24} and was raised for your righteousness^{Rm4:25;2Cor5:21}

Jesus Gives Life Abundantly

- Jesus presses legalistic Pharisees¹⁰ then shows He gives life abundantly
- Legalists turn God's grace into a burden
- Jesus is showing the bankruptcy of legalism^{Lk11:42-44,46,52}
- In contrast Jesus explains His mission of grace¹⁰
- The leaders stole the joy of salvation^{P551:12} so Jesus calls them thieves^{8,10}

The Good Shepherd

- Jesus is the Good Shepherd¹¹ contrasted with hired hand who flees¹²⁻¹³ ...
- Harsh words for lazy religious leaders
- Never forget the picture of Jesus as The Good Shepherd in tough times

The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life

- It is also about a personal relationship¹⁴⁻¹⁵ *I know my own and my own know me*
^{AShepherd'sLookAt Psalm 23-PhillipKeller}
- Sheep need care, not too smart
- Jesus can be that Good Shepherd because of His relationship with Father¹⁵
- As sheep we are often *Prone to Wander...* but we have a Good Shepherd
- Jesus lays down His life for the sheep¹⁵
- Note Centrality of the Cross - why Jesus came^{Mt1:21;Jn1:29;Mt26:28;1Cor5:7}
- Voluntary Nature of Jesus' Death - cross was not an accident. Jesus lays down His life¹⁷⁻¹⁸. The Shepherd redeems His sheep!
- Vicarious Sacrifice of Jesus - Jesus laid down His life on behalf of His sheep^{15;Rm5:6-8}
- Jesus' Work was Planned - Jesus & Father planned it^{Jn10:15-19;Act2:23}

One Good Shepherd - One Flock

- Jesus teaches of other sheep¹⁶ so all believers make up Jesus' church Jew & Gentile
- Gospel is for all types of people^{Rev5:9,10}
- Jesus is the head of His Church^{Eph5:23;Col1:18} composed of every tribe & nation...

Where Will You Fall in the Division¹⁹

- Will you be of those who believed or those who rejected Jesus?