

## John 10

### “I am the Good Shepherd”

- The Analogy of a Shepherd
- The Blessings of Sheep-hood
- Ready to Kill Jesus

## The Analogy – The Sheep

- Sheep are utterly and completely helpless
  - Wander and eat, never looking up, and get lost
  - No homing instinct – incapable of finding the sheepfold
  - Helpless against predators – huddle together and are slaughtered
  - Won't drink from moving water; will drown
  - Totally dependent on the shepherd
- Sheep hear/know the shepherd's voice (v.3)
- Don't listen to the voice of any other person – flees from them (v.5)
- Follow the shepherd wherever He leads them (v.4)
- Know the shepherd (v.14)

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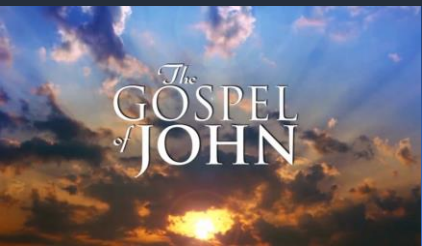
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## The Analogy – The Door

- “I am the door of the sheep”
- THE Door - only ONE way in
  - Passageway from one place to another. Have to pass through Jesus to get to the Father (John 14:6)
  - Anyone who tries to come in any other way – thief and robber
    - Thief comes to steal and destroy (v.8,10)
    - Ezekiel 34; Jeremiah 23:1-4



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- “I am the good shepherd” (10:11-16)
  - Calls his sheep by name (v.3)
  - Leads them out of the sheepfold (v.3)
  - Goes ahead of them (v.4)
  - Knows his sheep (v.14)
    - The same as between the Father and Jesus (v.15)
  - “Good shepherd” – lays down his life for the sheep
- “I lay down My life so that I may take it again.”
- “No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative.”

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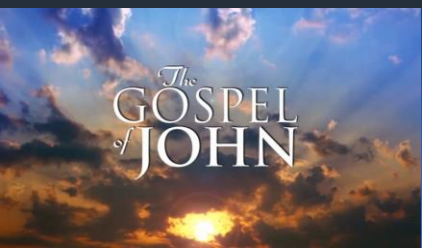
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## The Blessing of Sheep-hood

- Three “S’s” of being a Sheep (v.9)
  - Salvation – This has been the message all along
  - Security – Go in and out (cf. Ezekiel 34)
  - Satisfaction – Find pasture (abundance, 6:11-12)
- Eternal life – “they will never perish” (v.28)
- No one can snatch them
  - Out of Jesus hand (v. 28)
  - Out of the Father’s hand (v.29)



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## Ready to Kill Jesus

- Not for good works, but for blasphemy
  - “If you are the Christ, tell us plainly” (v.24)
  - Did not believe because they were not His sheep
  - “I and the Father are one.”
- Jesus’ defense was not “I am not God”
  - Quotes Psalm 82:6
  - What was Asaph referring to?
    - Talking to the leaders, who were the final word
    - They were like gods to the people
    - Compare Exodus 7:1

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