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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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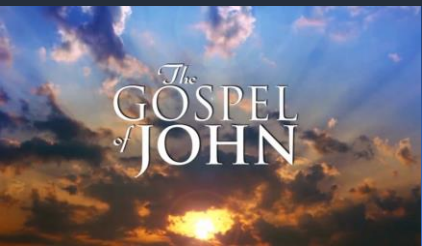
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The Analogy – The Door

- “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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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 (31-42)

- 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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“He Whom You Love is Sick” (v.1-6)

- The Purpose of Lazarus’ sickness and temporary death
 - The glory of God
 - The glory of the Son of God
 - Cause versus Purpose
- Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (v.5)
 - Why did Jesus wait two days?
 - Notice how John writes this: He loved them, so he waited two days
 - How would this have affected Mary, Martha and even Lazarus?
 - How does this affect us?

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Walking in the day (v.7-16)

- The Disciples were afraid
 - “Let us go...”
 - “You are going there again?”
- Why does Jesus answer their fears this way?
 - He needs to do the works of God (9:4)
 - A reminder of what He has said before
 - Who is the light of the world? (8:12)
 - Salvation, security, satisfaction (10:9)
- “I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.”
- “Let us go, that we may die with Him.”

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“I am the Resurrection and the Life” (17-27)

- Martha’s conversation with Jesus
 - Disappointment coupled with faith
 - Does not understand Jesus’ power over death
 - Dismisses Jesus’ statement that Lazarus would rise
 - Acknowledges a resurrection on the last day
 - Resurrection was a tenet of Jewish faith, but not believed by everyone and not understood
 - Something that will happen, but doesn’t help now
 - “I am the resurrection and the life”
- Does Martha believe what Jesus said?

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Jesus was “deeply moved” (28-38)

- Deeply moved in spirit and was troubled (33)
 - What emotion is being displayed here?
 - Greek word (deeply moved) indicates indignation
 - Greek word for troubled indicates agitation
- What caused this emotion in Jesus?
 - Sorrow over Lazarus’ death?
 - To show us His humanity?
 - Sorrow caused by death? Death itself?
 - What does the juxtaposition in verse 37 tell us about the reason for his indignation?

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Jesus raises Lazarus (39-45)

- Martha tries to talk Jesus out of opening the tomb
- Any significance to the length of time Lazarus was dead?
- Jesus’ prayer
 - For whose benefit did Jesus pray?
 - What purpose did the prayer have?
- Overall significance of this story to John’s theme?
 - Jesus has power over life and death (cf. 10:17-18)
 - Jesus went to Jerusalem to demonstrate His power over death, knowing that it would be the cause of His own death, because he loved Lazarus so much.

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Plan to kill Jesus (46-57)

- Jews’ real fear – loss of place and nation
 - Place – city/temple
 - Nation – because of their incompetence in ruling the people
- Caiaphas’ “prophecy”
 - Better that one man die than we lose the nation
 - Prophesying that Jesus would die for the people

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