

John 10 – The Good Shepherd

KEY VERSES AND MAIN TRUTHS

In John 10, Jesus reveals Himself as the true Shepherd, the gate for the sheep, and the One who lays down His life for the flock. His sheep know His voice, follow Him, and find life in Him.

*I am the
good shepherd.*

JOHN 10:11



1. John 10:1–6 – The True Shepherd and the Sheep

The true shepherd enters by the gate, but thieves and robbers come another way. The sheep recognize the shepherd's voice and follow him, while they run from a stranger.



2. John 10:7–10 – Jesus Is the Gate

Jesus says He is the gate for the sheep. Salvation, safety, and pasture are found through Him alone. He came that His people may have life, and have it to the full.



3. John 10:11–13 – The Good Shepherd

Unlike the hired hand, the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Jesus shows His love and sacrifice by protecting the flock even at great cost.



4. John 10:14–18 – One Flock, One Shepherd

Jesus knows His sheep, and His sheep know Him. He willingly lays down His life and takes it up again. He also calls other sheep into one flock under one Shepherd.



Key Truths

- Jesus is the true Shepherd.
- Jesus is the gate to salvation and abundant life.
- The Shepherd knows His sheep personally.
- The Shepherd gave His life for the sheep.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

JOHN 10:27



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CHRIST'S IDENTITY,
OLD TESTAMENT CONNECTIONS,
AND APPLICATION

Jesus is the Good Shepherd—revealing His identity, fulfilling God's promises, and calling us to listen, follow, and live in His care.

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1. John 10:19–30 – The Shepherd's Voice and Eternal Security

People were divided over Jesus, but He declared that His sheep hear His voice, follow Him, and receive eternal life. No one can snatch them out of His hand or the Father's hand.



2. John 10:30–39 – I and the Father Are One

Jesus clearly revealed His unity with the Father. His opponents accused Him of blasphemy, but His works testified that the Father was in Him and He was in the Father.



3. John 10:40–42 – Many Believed in Jesus

Jesus went beyond the Jordan, and many believed in Him there. John's testimony about Jesus was proven true.



Old Testament Passages That Point to Christ

Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah 7:14

Micah 5:2

Psalms 45:6–7

Psalms 110:1

Daniel 7:13–14

Zechariah 12:10

Malachi 3:1

Isaiah 40:3

Isaiah 40:10–11

Psalms 23:1

Ezekiel 34:11–16

Ezekiel 34:23–24

Jeremiah 23:5–6

Psalms 2:7–12



How Do You Recognize the Shepherd's Voice?

- Does it agree with Scripture?
- Does it point you to Jesus?
- Does it produce obedience to God?
- Does it lead toward truth, holiness, and life?
- Can it stand up to biblical examination?



Questions

1. Fill in the blank: The true sheep know His _____, listen to His _____, and _____ Him.
2. Fill in the blank: Jesus said, 'I am the _____ for the sheep' and 'I am the good _____.'
3. Challenge: What practical steps can you take this week to better recognize the Shepherd's voice through God's Word?

Know Jesus. Know His Word. Know the voice of your Shepherd.