

John 10:1-21

I AM the Door
and
I AM the Good
Shepherd



Sheep, Shepherds & Sheepfolds

SHEEP:

Helpless

No defense mechanisms

Strong flocking instinct

Strong following instinct

Afraid of fast-moving water



Sheep, Shepherds & Sheepfolds

SHEPHERDS:

Youngest son

Lonely, difficult, dangerous

Great responsibility

Strong bond with sheep;
know his voice, respond only
to him



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SHEEPFOLD:

Sheep pen

Walled or fenced enclosure to protect sheep from robbers and predatory animals (ex. Wolves)

Communal or in remote areas



Jesus, the True Shepherd of the Sheep

John 10:1-3a

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens.



Jesus, the True Shepherd of the Sheep

John 10:3b-4

The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.



Jesus, the Only Door of the Sheep

John 10:7-10

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I AM the Door of the Sheep



Spiritual Truth #1

- Jesus is the **only** way by which a person can receive eternal life.

John 14:6 Jesus said...

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



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Manasseh, King of Judah

2 Chronicles 33

Manasseh was 12 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 55 years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord...he erected altars to the Baals and Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. And he burned his sons as an offering...and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery and dealt with mediums and necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger.

Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem *astray*...

Spiritual Truth #2

- Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God who seeks out, rescues, leads, guides, provides for, and protects all who belong to him.



Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the Sheep

He lays down his life
for the sheep.



Jesus, the Good Shepherd

He knows and loves his sheep just as the Father knows and loves him.

John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

Resurrection!



Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the Sheep

- He unites his sheep

John 10:16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Gentiles brought in!



Spiritual Truth #3

In willing obedience to his Father, Jesus will lay down his life (die) and take it up again (be resurrected) for *all* those who belong to him (Jew and Gentile) so that they too may have resurrection life with him.





Response to Jesus' Words: Division

- Rejection of Jesus - belittlement and blasphemy.

He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?

- Potential Belief that Jesus is the Messiah.

These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon.

Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

I AM the Door & I AM the Good Shepherd

Have you entered through the Door to receive salvation?

If you are a sheep of the Good Shepherd:

- Is there anyone or anything leading you astray?
- Are you listening to *his* voice?
- How well are you following him?

