

# John 10 – 21 June 2026

## “Are You Truly In The Kingdom?”

### Introduction

\*From Chap 7-10a Jesus is at the Feast of Tabernacles and the days following in His 3<sup>rd</sup> year of ministry

\*Jesus has been proclaiming that He is the Light of the World for several days now at the Temple

\*Coming from healing the blind man at the temple, Jesus now launches into a great analogy using sheep

\*This metaphor of shepherd & sheep is common to the Old Testament

- \*All of Psalm 23 & many other Psalms

- \*The whole chapter of Eze 34

\*In chapter 10, Jesus uses this metaphor to ask the question, “Are You Truly In The Kingdom of God?”

**Today, we’ll see 4 things that are true for citizens of God’s Kingdom**

# **#1 – We believe Jesus is the only method of entrance into the Kingdom (Vs 1-10)**

Read 10:1-2

1. Sheep fold - home or temporary stay of the sheep
  - a. The place of protection & provision
  - b. This fold of sheep is Israel (more in vs 16)
2. There are two methods to get into this home
  - a. Thieves & robbers climb over the wall
  - b. The shepherd enters by the door

Read 10:3-4

1. The shepherd is ultimately Jesus (vs 14)
  - a. We're to be under-shepherds (I Pet 5:2,4)
2. Notice the shepherd's power & authority
  - a. Doorkeeper recognizes the Shepherd's right to enter (ownership)
  - b. He knows His sheep personally by name
  - c. He doesn't drive them, but He leads them
    - i. Goats & horses are driven, sheep are led
      1. Just as Christian leaders should lead

3. Who is the doorkeeper?
  - a. He's the one that (dis)allows access to & influence over the sheep
  - b. This must be God in His sovereignty (Read Luk 13:24-29)

Read 10:5-6

1. Whose voice are we being led by?
  - a. What does it mean for a Christian to be in the fold of God?
  - b. To hear His voice & follow Him

Read 10:7-8

1. Jesus is not only the qualified shepherd, but He's the *only* method to come inside of God's fold
2. All other methods to be saved & all other man that claimed to be savior were frauds
  - a. Trusting in our heritage is proven to be a false method for salvation
  - b. Trusting in the Law is proven to be a false method for salvation

- c. Trusting in false saviors like Theudas & Judas (Acts 5) was proven to be a false method

Read 10:9-10

1. Shepherds feed & give; thieves steal & take
2. Now we clearly see that to be in the fold of God is to have eternal life itself
3. Pastor Chuck, “Healthy sheep reproduce”
  - a. We don’t beat the sheep or fleece the sheep
  - b. We feed the sheep and then they’ll naturally produce all that’s needed

**#2 – We believe Jesus sacrificed for & shepherds over us (Vs 11-21)**

Read 10:11-13

1. This is 4 of 7 “I AM” statements of Jesus
  - a. To shepherd is to *feed the flock*
  - b. *Poymane* – is shepherd & once as pastor
2. Jesus is the chief shepherd, the good shepherd
  - a. He owns the sheep; therefore, He cares for us

- b. He's good; therefore, He's willing to die for us
- 3. You're either a shepherd or a hireling
  - a. Are you in it for gain or the gain of others – do you bail out if not getting what you want?
  - b. This doesn't mean that a pastor can't receive a salary from the flock, but they're not serving b/c of it (see Matt 21:33-44, I Cor 9)

Read 10:14-15

- 1. Relationship Jesus wants with us is patterned from the relationship He has w/ the Father
  - a. Read John 17:3 – Ever-growing relationship
- 2. Can't know someone unless you spend time
  - a. Knowing helps identify the frauds that come
  - b. Knowing helps trust God has our best in mind

Read 10:16

- 1. In context to John 7-10, Jesus has been talking to the Jewish leaders about what they're trusting for entrance into the Kingdom of God
  - a. So who are these other sheep?

- b. Mormons think the other sheep are them
2. It's the believing Gentiles
  - a. This was prophesied in (Read) Isa 49:6
  - b. And fulfilled at the cross (Read Eph 2:12-15)

Read 10:17-18

1. Who killed Jesus the Jews or the Romans?
  - a. Neither – He willingly offered it Himself
  - b. Read Isa 53:6 – Just as Isaac willingly laid down for Abraham
  - c. Jesus prayed (Garden) *not My will but Yours*
  - d. Then on the cross – Into Your hands I commit My spirit

Read 10:19-21

1. Jesus leaves no room for someone to think of Him as simply a good man
  - a. C.S. Lewis – Lord, Liar or Lunatic
2. He's said He's the only way to heaven & He's the good shepherd
  - a. He's either right or He's the most egotistical man ever

### #3 – We hear Jesus’ voice & know Him (Vs 22-28)

Read 10:22-23

1. The Festival of Lights (Hanukkah) was the dedication of the Temple after its desecration at the hands of Antiochus Epiphanes
  - a. He blasphemed & desecrated holy things
2. Notice Jesus is walking, not teaching, when He’s approached – yet doesn’t shy away

Read 10:24-25

1. Jesus has already said that He is the Messiah
  - a. In John 5 Jesus gave the 4 things that witness to Jesus being the Christ
    - i. John Baptist, His works, the Father, the OT
  - b. Problem isn’t that He hasn’t said it, but that they haven’t believed it
2. If you doubt that He’s claiming to be Messiah, turn His phrase around and it doesn’t work
  - a. (I told you I’m NOT the Messiah, and you do not believe Me)

Read 10:26-28

1. You can't fake being a child of God
  - a. You either hear, believe, follow or you don't
  - b. They act like they don't have enough info, but they've already heard & refuse to believe
2. For those of us that hear, believe & follow Him
  - a. It's comfort knowing nothing can snatch us away from His ability to bring us to eternal paradise

#### **#4 – We're made into more than sheep but also sons & daughters of God (Vs 29-42)**

Read 10:29-33

1. They don't want to stone Him for *any bad*, but for claiming that He's *all good*
  - a. They just couldn't believe that God would become a man – stepping into our sin to do what we can't do
2. But this substitution was role-modeled from the beginning of humanity

- a. Adam was covered by skins not works
  - b. Abraham's son was saved by the ram
  - c. Israel's firstborn were saved in Moses' day by the lamb
3. The only Son of God became a man in order to make us sons & daughters of God as well believe

Read 10:34-36

1. Jesus quotes from Psm 82:6
2. Though the word *elohim* (Hb) & *theos* (Gk) is the generic word for god, it's speaking of the ability or attribute of authority to judge
  - a. *To be very great* or *to be over*
3. God invested the role of God, as God's representative to Israel's leaders
  - a. The leaders, judges or gods had the ability to change or even end a life
  - b. When they *die like men* they're culpable for what they did with their role as judges or gods
4. If God invested His power into men, surely Jesus can take the title Son of God based on His proven works

Read 10:37-39

1. He wants them to focus on the proof of His claim, not just on the words of the claim
  - a. He's given evidence to believe & they don't
  - b. Same today – we don't believe simply b/c of what the Bible says, but b/c these words have been proven by Jesus' actions & deeds

Read 10:40-42

1. Now that Jesus is under constant threat of arrest, He goes to Perea where Herod Antipas has reign & the Jerusalemites can't threaten arrest
2. Again they believe the word based on the works

## Conclusion

So, do you have confidence you're in the Kingdom?

1. **Do you believe Jesus is the only way?**
2. **Do you believe Jesus did the work of sacrifice?**
3. **Do you hear Jesus' voice & know Him?**
4. **Do you believe you're a child of the King?**