

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Jesus The Shepherd King
John 10
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JESUS IS THE SHEPHERD-KING

2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'

2 Samuel 5:2 ESV

Reflecting on all God did for Israel to bring them out of Egypt, Asaph writes of God...

Then he led out his people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. 53 He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid.

Psalms 78:52-53a ESV

Jesus having brought sight and understanding to the man born blind says this to the religious leaders that can see but do not understand.

"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. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

John 10:1-6 ESV

The sheep pen is enclosed and protected and has only one gate. It may not be obvious to the religious leaders but this is a picture of Heaven.

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture....17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father." John 10:7-18 ESV

Salvation is through Jesus. Jesus is the door. There is only one Jesus and one door.

Jesus is not only coming for the children of Israel but for the gentiles also.

The religious leaders are referred to as the hired hands and not true shepherds because they will not give their lives to protect the sheep.

JESUS ASSERTS HIS DEITY

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." John 10:22-30 ESV

He speaks plainly.

He is giving us eternal life.

No one can take away the eternal life He gives.

Jesus and the Father are one.