

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"The Door"
John 10:1-10
Part-36

Psalm 23:1; Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 40:11; Hebrews 13:20.

John 10 is the last public discourse of Jesus.

John 10:1-21 – The Witness of The Good Shepherd.

John 10:22-42 – The Witness of The Son of God.

John 10:1-10 – The Good Shepherd Is The Door!

John 10:7 – "I am the door of the sheep."

John 10:9 – "I am the door"

Thought Of Our Passage: Jesus Is The Exclusive Door Of Salvation, Bringing Security, Nourishment And The Abundant Life.

1. Verses 1-6 – Shepherd's Relationship To The Sheep

2. Verses 7-10 – Shepherd's Provision For The Sheep

1. Verses 1-6 – Shepherd's Relationship To The Sheep:

John 10:1

"Truly, truly, I say to you," – Follows some previous teaching! John 9.

Context – A blind man was given sight; was mistreated by the religious leaders of Israel, John 9:34.

The True Shepherd found him – John 9:35.

John 10:21

Verse 1 – The False Shepherd: "he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep,"

"the door" – Is Jesus Christ, John 10:7, 9.

Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2

"into the fold of the sheep," – "sheep pen, sheepfold"; was a holding area for the sheep.

Two different types of sheepfolds:

- 1. The Folds In The Countryside** – A circle of rocks, a natural cave, in which the sheep were led into.
- 2. The Fold Of The Towns And Villages** – These were communal enclosures with walls sometimes 10 feet in height with a single opening (gate or door).

“fold of the sheep” – Judaism, God’s system of sacrifices, covenant, Law and Scriptures that kept His people guarded from idolatry.

Sheep – were the chosen spiritual remnant of Israel. The gentiles were mentioned, John 10:16.

“but climbs up some other way,” – If limestone was not available, they would pile up briar bushes high so that it would be a deterrent from going over the pen area.

The Pharisees and Sadducees had hijacked the Law of Moses, Ezekiel 34.

Matthew 7:15

2 Peter 2:1

John 10:2

Verses 2-3 – The True Shepherd: “But he who enters by the door” – This door is no other than Jesus Christ. He came by the path of the OT, Fulfilled.

“is a shepherd of the sheep.” – There is only one true shepherd and it is Jesus.

Shepherd – root word “protect”; Latin word for shepherd is “pastor”; Jesus Christ is the good shepherd, John 10:11.

John 10:3 – 4-Point Description:

- 1. “To him the doorkeeper opens,”** – The watchman, porter; probably John the Baptist, John 1:29-34.
- 2. “and the sheep hear his voice,”** – “sing-song” to which only his sheep would respond. **“hear His voice”** – The blind beggar was one, John 9:38.

3. "and he calls his own sheep by name," – Shepherd had individual names for his sheep; personal knowledge, their personalities. **"he calls"** – speaks of His voice; 3X.

4. "and leads them out." – His sheep respond to the direction of the shepherd, Galatians 3:24-25.

John 10:4

Psalm 23:4

John 10:5

Verses 5-6 – The Discerning Sheep: "A stranger they simply will not follow," – The phrase "will not" is a double negative – "They will not no never."

1 John 2:19

"but will flee from him," – Sheep are timid with unfamiliar persons, they run.

"because they do not know the voice of strangers." – They have given attention to His voice. Acts 20:28-30

John 10:6

"This figure of speech" – literally "by the way"; figurative discourse, word-picture; The use of a known concept to illustrate a new idea or truth.

Who are "they?" The religious leaders, John 9:40.

These spiritual truths were understood by His followers, but were concealed from those who rejected Him.

2. Verses 7-10 – Shepherd's Provision For The Sheep:

John 10:7

"So Jesus said to them again, 'Truly, truly, I say to you,'" – Jesus now interprets John 10:1-2 here in John 10:7-10.

"I am the door" – "I alone am the door" of the sheep.

The Shepherd was the Door! There would be no going in or out without going through the Shepherd.

There are 7 "I AM" of Jesus Christ in John's Gospel:

1. "I Am the Bread of Life" (6:35)
2. "I Am the Light of the World" (8:12)
3. "I Am the Gate Door for the sheep" (10:7,9)

The Door To Salvation – The Forgiveness Of Sin – John 10:9 – Penalty of Sin!

Sin – "sin is missing the mark, it is the breaking of His laws"

The Door To Salvation – The Power Of Sin

The Door To Salvation – The Presence Of Sin – 1 John 3:2.

John 10:8-9

"I am the door;" – "I alone am the door"; The Door of Salvation; Shepherd/Door.

"if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved," – Acts 4:12.

"saved" – means "delivered safe and sound." It was used of "a person that had recovered of a severe illness, a person who came through a severe storm, survived a war, a person acquitted in court."

The Door Of Safety And Security – "and will go in and out,"

Luke 10:3

The Door Of Nourishment – "and find pasture."

John 10:10

"The thief" – is the Devil, that works through people; "comes only to steal," – the knowledge of the truth.

"and kill," – "to kill for food." He would love to take your life, Job 1-2.

"and destroy;" – See you eternally lost.

The Door To The Abundant Life – "I came that they might have life,"

"and have it abundantly." – "to have a surplus, life in full measure, to overflowing, the overflowing of a river."

Application:

1. There Is Only One Door. Those That Offer Another Entrance Are Spiritual Thieves And Robbers. The Door Is Jesus Christ, The True Shepherd.
2. Jesus Our Shepherd Is The Door To Salvation – The Forgiveness Of Sin, Offering Power Over Sin, And Eradicating The Presence Of Sin – John 10:9.
3. The True Shepherd Versus The False Shepherd – The True Shepherd Comes That We May Have Life Abundantly. The False Shepherd Comes As A Thief To Steal, Kill And Destroy.