

JOHN 10:1-42

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1. John 10 is a continuation of the events in John 9. Scan John 9. Compare the response of the religious leaders toward the blind man in John 9:34 with Jesus' response in verses 35-38.
2. In response to the religious leaders' question in John 9:40, Jesus begins with an illustration about a shepherd. Read John 10:1-6. How does the shepherd enter the sheep pen and how do the sheep respond to their shepherd?

List the ways the shepherd leads his sheep.

What does this tell you about the relationship between the sheep and their shepherd?

How is this similar to your relationship with Jesus?

3. How do the thieves and robbers enter the sheep pen in verse 1?

How do the sheep respond to the thieves and robbers?

4. According to John 10:6, the Jewish leaders did not understand Jesus' illustration, so He expands on it. Read John 10:7-10. Who does Jesus say He is in verses 7 and 9?

What is the benefit for the sheep that enter through the Door?

With this "I am" statement, what is Jesus offering to anyone who comes through the Door? See verse 10 for insight.

5. The thieves and robbers here are the evil and corrupt leaders that have led Israel in the past and currently. What is the result of their hardened hearts according to John 10:10?

How have the Jewish leaders fit this description so far in our study of John?

6. Read John 10:11-13. Jesus continues to expand on His illustration, and says, “I am the Good Shepherd.” What do you observe about the relationship the Good Shepherd, the hired hand and the wolf have with the sheep?

7. Read John 10:14-18. List the things the Good Shepherd does for His sheep.

What emotions come to mind when you think of Jesus knowing you?

Not only does Jesus know His sheep, but they know Him as well. Share some of the ways you have come to know Jesus more.

8. In verse 15, for the second time Jesus mentions the Good Shepherd will lay his life down. Why is it necessary for the Good Shepherd to lay down His life? See Ephesians 5:2 for more insight.

In John 10:16 Jesus speaks of other sheep, which represent the Gentiles who will join and make up one flock, with one shepherd. How does the Good Shepherd laying down His life unite His flock? Read Ephesians 2:13-19.

9. Read John 10:17 again. Jesus knows the Father, and the Father knows Him with the same intimacy and love Jesus bestows on His sheep. As you consider this, what are some ways this truth might change your daily walk with the Lord?

10. Read John 10:19-21. How were the Jews’ views of Jesus back then similar to people’s views of Jesus today?

11. Read John 10:22-30. List below your observations on when, where and who is involved in these verses.

What do the Jewish leaders ask Jesus?

Why they do not understand who He is?

What are some descriptive words that come to mind when you think of winter?

How could winter also be used to describe the spiritual state of these Jewish leaders?

12. Look again at John 10:27-30. What are the blessings Jesus' sheep receive when they believe?

What encouragement do you find in these promises that our Shepherd offers?

13. Read John 10:30-39. The Jewish leadership understood the claim Jesus was making in verse 30. What was their reaction in verse 31, and what reason do the Jewish leaders give for their reaction in verse 33?

14. Jesus calmly answers them using Psalm 82, which ironically is written to judges God put into place who were unjust and favored the wicked. Jesus, on the other hand, was consecrated by the Father. What is the definition of "consecrated?"

Despite Jesus still imploring them to accept Him and believe, the Jewish leaders seek to arrest him. How does this bring prophecy to fulfillment? See Isaiah 53:3 and John 1:9-11.

15. Read John 10:40-42. Although this is nearing the end of Jesus' public ministry, it is not the end of Him calling His sheep. What was the reaction of the people who came to Him after He crossed the Jordan River?

16. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

The Good Shepherd

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The Shepherd and His Sheep

10:1-6

The Thieves and Robbers

vs

The Shepherd

- They do not enter by the gate but climb in.
- They are strangers to the sheep and the sheep flee and do not know them.

- He enters by the gate.
- He calls the sheep by name and they _____.
- The sheep know the shepherd.
- He leads the sheep and they follow.

I am the Door

10:7-10

The Thieves and Robbers

vs

The Door

- They represent the Jewish leadership.
- The sheep do not follow them.
- They destroy life.

- This is the third "I am" statement about Jesus.
- He brings salvation and blessing.
- He gives _____ life.

I am the Good Shepherd

10:11-21

The Hired Hand

vs

The Good Shepherd

- He does not own the sheep.
- He flees from trouble and sacrifices the sheep.
- He cares only for himself.
- He cares nothing for the sheep.

- This is the fourth "I am" statement.
- He is the Owner of the sheep.
- He protects the sheep and sacrifices Himself for the sheep.
- He _____ and loves the sheep intimately.
- The Father knows and loves the Good Shepherd.
- He has authority given to Him by the Father.

I and the Father are One

10:22-42

- The Jews confront Jesus at the temple during the Feast of Dedication.
- Jesus tells them they do not know Him because they are not His sheep.
- Because Jesus' sheep hear Him, know Him, and follow Him, they have eternal life.
- His sheep can never be taken from Him.
- The Jews understand Jesus' claim of deity and seek to stone Him.
- Jesus calmly defends Himself with Scripture, and tries for a final time to convince them to believe.
- When the Jews seek to arrest Jesus, He goes across the Jordan and continues to call His sheep.

The Shepherd continues to call His sheep today.

Have you heard His call? Do you follow Him?

Have you "entered" through the Door by faith so you can be saved?

Do you desire to know the Good Shepherd more intimately?

Key: respond, abundant, knows

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EZEKIEL 34:23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

JOHN 20:15-16 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

JOHN 1:16-17 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

PSALM 23:1-3 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

JOHN 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

EPHESIANS 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

1 JOHN 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

EPHESIANS 2:13-14 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

JOHN 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 1:11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

PSALM 82:1-2, 5 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*” . . . They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

1 PETER 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.