

## **Intro**

- \* Continue w/setting of last chapter – Jesus in Jerusalem for Feast of Tabernacles (Sept-Oct)
- \* Healed Blind Man, that man had been questioned by Sanhedrin – John 9:35-41

## **John 10:1–21**

1 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

\* Picture of a sheepfold –

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 **I am the door.** If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

\* I am the door of the sheep - 3<sup>rd</sup> of 7/8 “I AM” statements of Jesus in Gospel of John

\* Jesus is the One & Only Door to the Kingdom of God – All others say/doors are thieves.

**Respond** – Jesus is the Door to Heaven – and everyone can go in through Him

11 “**I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 **I am the good shepherd;** and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.” 19 Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. 20 And many of them said, “He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?” 21 Others said, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

\* I am the Good Shepherd - 4<sup>th</sup> of 7/8 “I AM” statements of Jesus!

\* First King Israel (Saul) was a shepherd, 2<sup>nd</sup> King Israel (David) was a shepherd

1 **Samuel 17:34–35** - But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.

\* He wants the pastors & elders of His church to be shepherds

**Ephesians 4:11** - And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

**1 Peter 5:1-4** - **1** The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: **2** Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; **3** nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; **4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

\* But Jesus is The Good Shepherd

- He knows His sheep, and am known by His own (sheep)
- He gives His life/lays down His life for the sheep. (He is not a hireling)
- He has “other sheep” (Gentiles)/not/this fold (Jews), them also/bring
- He makes one flock with one shepherd
- He laid His life down for His sheep, no one took it from Him.
- He had power to lay it down, and He had power to take it up!

**Respond** – Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23!

**Isaiah 53:6-7** - All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.