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## **John 10**

Any time Jesus uses the phrase “verily, verily” it is always to take us into a deeper teaching on a development of the Lord’s specific teaching. As an example in John 1:51

***51And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.***

Any time we see this phrase it should be an alert to us that Jesus is going to be very specific about something that He needs to impart to us. It is seldom if ever used to introduce a new topic but to expand on something that He is teaching about.

In the Greek, the word used is “Amen, amen”. It means “truly, truly”. In the Hebrew it used a word that translate “Verily, verily”. The point is that what Jesus speaks is the Truth.

In John 1:51 Jesus is expanding on His identification as the Son of God to His disciples. He is explaining in spiritual terms something that will be happening but is not visible to the human eye. That is the care given to Jesus by God using

angles that will ascend and descend from heaven to care for His Son.

Jesus refers to Himself as “the Son of Man”. It has a twofold reference, first He is declaring that He is the Messiah in human form. Secondly it is a reference to

***Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. (emphasis mine)***

In John 10 the thoughts of the miracle healing of the blind man is still in the thoughts of the disciples and Jesus is going to use that event of healing, along with where they physically are to teach a deeper spiritual truth.

We know that Jesus and the disciples were at or near Bethesda which is near the Sheep Gate. The Sheep Gate was named due to the shepherds bringing their sheep inside the safety of the walls of Jerusalem to water and bed them down for the night. We know from John 5:2

***5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.***

The shepherd would bring them through the sheep gate and with an assistant called the porter or under-shepherd they

would be watered, fed and placed in a pen. The porter or under-shepherd would then take over the responsibility of guarding the sheep while the Head Shepherd would sleep for the night. The porter or under shepherd would close and secure the door or gate to the pen and stand guard at that less someone would try to steal the sheep under his care.

It is true that sheep become use to the voice of their shepherd. Once they trust a person a sheep will follow its owner like a dog, being very loyal and wanting to be in the near presence of the shepherd. At the first sign of trouble the sheep will run to the shepherd, as that is where they feel safe.

John 10

**1Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 6This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they**

**understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.**

Having raised sheep on a farm in Idaho and having had sheep as pets I understand the significance of this passage where Jesus uses a metaphor speaking about sheep but meaning “believers”. In some ways sheep are really dumb animals they follow each other usually in a line when on the move and not being herded. When scared they will run and run but follow whatever sheep they must think knows where it is going. It could be over a cliff, and they would follow. When they are in the presence of a human that they trust they will usually stay close by, unlike cattle where they will wander off even getting lost. You never hear of sheep round up, but you sure do hear of cattle round ups.

Sheep are more like people than you can imagine, very social, very playful, and loyal to anyone who spends time with them.

Here again He uses the phrase “verily, verily” to expand on the topic He is teaching the disciples. The Spiritual issue is the relationship, loyalty and protection between the Savior and the believer.

**7**Then said Jesus unto them again, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8**All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9****I am the door:** by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **10**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

In the context of vs 9, Jesus declares He is “the door”.

According to Strong’s Concordance, “the door” in the Greek means:

**“Pronunciation:** *thoo'-rah*

**Phonetic Spelling:** *(thoo'-rah)*

**Definition:** *Door, gate, entrance*

**Meaning:** *(a) a door, (b) met: an opportunity.*

**Word Origin:** *Derived from the root word θύω (thuo), meaning "to rush" or "to sacrifice," indicating an entrance or opening.*

**Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries:** - **H6607 (נָחַץ, pethach):** *An opening, entrance, or doorway.*

- **H1817 (נֶזֶל, deleth):** *A door or gate.*

**Usage:** *In the New Testament, "thura" is used to denote a physical door or gate, as well as metaphorically to represent an opportunity or access to something, particularly in a spiritual sense. It often signifies an entry point, whether literal or figurative, and is used to describe both physical doors and spiritual openings.”*

So, through context and definition, when Jesus says “I am the door”. It means that He is THE means of entering.

Entering into what?

***I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.***

Based on context we can clearly see that Jesus declares He is the “**door**” or only way into being “**saved**” or finding salvation. And through that door “Jesus” those who enter through that door then have the ability to “**go in and out, and find pasture.**”

This from Berean Study Bible:

**and find pasture.**

*“Finding pasture symbolizes provision, sustenance, and spiritual nourishment. In the agrarian society of biblical times, green pastures were essential for the well-being of sheep, representing abundance and care. Spiritually, this imagery points to the fulfillment and satisfaction found in a relationship with Christ, as He provides for the needs of His followers. This is reminiscent of [Psalm 23:1-2](#), “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, ensures that His flock is well-fed and cared for, both physically and spiritually.”*

**Q.** Just so we are on the same sheet of music, who is the door and who is the thief?

The door in this case is Jesus and the thief if Satan.

**Q.** Jesus in the first several verses is referred to as the “shepherd” and the “door”. What is the difference in those metaphors?

The door is the entry point into salvation.

The Shepherd is the one who cares for and leads those who have entered “salvation” by the “door” Jesus.

So, to bring all of that into focus, Jesus is the only means to enter salvation, to be saved. Once a person enters that state of being saved, they will be feed and cared for by Christ, the Shephard who has complete control, protection and care of the saved by the Shephard.

**Acts 14:27** *27And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had **opened the door of faith** unto the Gentiles. (emphasis mine)*

**1 Corinthians 16:9** *9For a **great door and effectual is opened unto me**, and there are many adversaries. (emphasis mine)*

**Colossians 4:3** *Withal praying also for us, that God would **open unto us a door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: (emphasis mine)*

**Revelation 3:7-8** *7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; (emphasis mine)*

**Revelation 3:20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (emphasis mine)*

This door meaning has a change in context from Revelation 3:20. This particular door, which also can close and open is the door to our hearts. We have free will, given to us by God at creation. We can choose to open or not open our hearts door to Jesus. When Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts, anyone who opens that door and invites Christ in, will be saved.

So, we see that when Jesus is referencing Himself as a door He is speaking on an opportunity for mankind.

*From Strong's Concordance*

**Phonetic Spelling:** (poy-mane')

**Short Definition:** a shepherd

**Definition:** a shepherd; hence met: of the feeder, protector, and ruler of a flock of men.

When Jesus speaks of himself as the “shepherd” He is speaking on a personal level of being the one that has taken responsibility for each of us, giving His life in exchange for



His sheep “individual people”, all individual people. He is the only Shepherd we need, and we know His voice. Within that group of “all individual people” are some, Jesus refers to as “few” that accept this free gift and many that do not.

***Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:***

**[Luke 13:24](#)**

***“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.***

**11I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

**Q.** Who are the sheep? Believers

**12But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.**

**13The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

There are many pastors and many in authority in many churches and religions that are hirelings. Just be careful of them and of me. I am just a teacher of God’s Word and am

no one special that you should simply believe everything I tell you or teach. So, study to show yourself approved of God. Don't be lied to; understand what is being said and question it by studying the Word of God and coming to a right conclusion.

God knew there would be false teachers and prophets that would come over time and even accelerate at the end time. This is His warning to us all. There are many "religions" that have been started over controversy of one form or another. Whether it be over baptism or what day we set aside to worship God, many have come to a place of false teaching. Be ware!

**Proverbs 25:14**

***Like clouds and wind without rain is the man who boasts of gifts never given.***

**2 Peter 2:17-19**

***These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. / With lofty but empty words, they appeal to the sensual passions of the flesh and entice those who are just escaping from others who live in error. / They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves to depravity. For a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.***

**Jude 1:12-13**

***These men are hidden reefs in your love feasts, shamelessly feasting with you but shepherding only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried***

***along by the wind; fruitless trees in autumn, twice dead after being uprooted. / They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.***

**Romans 16:18**

***For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.***

We know that Jesus came first for the Jewish people and then the Greeks meaning Gentiles.

***Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

The issue of the “hireling” as opposed to the owner of the sheep is one, we have all seen. The owner of business or in this case the “sheep” “believers” cares to the very core of their life to protect and defend what is value and work hard for.

**16And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.**

***John 7:35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?***

**Q.** Who is Jesus speaking of here, when He says: “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold”?

This “**fold**” He is speaking of is the Hebrew Nation Israel.  
The others “**which are not of this fold**” are us, the gentiles.

***Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;***

There are cult religions out there that have developed a lie about who these people are, “which are not of this fold”. The Mormons do or at least did teach that they are this “fold”

**Q.** Who did Jesus come for?

***Mark 7.24-29:***

***24And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. 25For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: 26The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. 27But Jesus said unto her, **Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.** 28And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. 29And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. 30And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.***

In the context of these verses:

**Q.** Who are the children that are first filled? **Jews**

**Q.** Who are the dogs under the table? **Gentiles**

There is so much to consider in this event recorded in Mark 7. First of all, the area where this happened is some 60 miles north of where Jesus Ministry took place. It is outside the control of the Jewish state and sits in an area that the Jews have hated. God condemned the destruction of this woman's ancestors in Dt. 20:16 and Num. 33:50-53

***Deuteronomy 20:16-18 [16](#)But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: [17](#)But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: [18](#)That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.***

This woman's belief of who she is talking to is quite amazing. She refers to Him as "Lord" capital "L" which is referring to Him as Messiah. We know that in Mark 16:16 Peter confesses Jesus to be the Messiah and Jesus tells him he is blessed because this was revealed to him by God. The same thing has happened here. The disciples are caught up in their historical hatred of these people and one would think

Jesus was as well when He referred to this woman as a “dog”. Upon closer examination we will see that He is using it as a teaching moment on a spiritual level.

This is where Jesus declares His mission is specifically to the Jewish Nation. It accounts for His constant battles with the Sanhedrin and the ruling religious leaders. They were leading the people astray for personal power and gain. Jesus was sent to save them and that will eventually happen, and the nation of Israel will turn to Christ in the end.

The woman’s response is no less a miracle than what is about to happen to her daughter. A Phoenician, Syrian, Canaanite woman, a gentile, has perceived that this man she is speaking to is none other than promised Messiah who has the power to heal her daughter. She could have been offended, and in the flesh that would be understandable. But the Lord does not offend her. She understands what He is saying in a Spiritual sense. His mission was to the Jews but somehow, she knew that a morsel would fall from the table to the Gentiles that would change everything. That morsel was eternal life through His blood and even she, a hated person by the Jews, would share in that amazing redemption

that the Messiah would bring.

It totally escaped the disciples but not this woman. She persists and Jesus recognizes that God has given her Spiritual knowledge and understanding and answers her prayer for her daughter.

Back to our text in John 10, remember Jesus is talking about these other sheep that are not of this fold....

**17Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18No man taketh 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 commandment have I received of my Father.**

Even though we know toward the end, Jesus will ask God to remove this cup from Him, but tells the Father to let HIS will be done; Jesus is in charge of His life, and He lives His life as an offering to God the Father out of love and obedience to the Father. He can lay down His life and He can take it up again, because God said He can. Jesus believed it and that settled it.

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**19There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. 20And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?**

The “sayings” that the Jews are refereeing to are from vs 17 and 18

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The difference between seeing in the physical and seeing in the Spiritual is literally life changing and lifesaving. Jesus was speaking both of the physical and the Spiritual. The physical death of our Lord is a fact, He was tortured and killed. The taking up again of His Life was Spiritually based, the Power of God, to overcome death with life through His Son is also a fact. A Spiritual power overcomes a physical reality.

**22And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.**



Winter in Jerusalem is usually cool with the rainy season coming. Sometimes they even get snow. It is likely why Jesus is said to have gone to Solomon's porch, it was a protected area where people would get out of the rain and Jesus would teach.

**23And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.**

Jesus was a wanted man, they wanted to catch Him in some statement that they could then kill Him. It had to be unmistakable in what He said, and they knew if they could get Him to declare Himself the Messiah that would be enough.

**24Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.**

Jesus again speaks in the Spiritual sense and these folks only hear it in the flesh. Jesus has repeatedly told them in the Spiritual that He is the Messiah and uses His works as verifying evidence, but they cannot see, they are blind leading the blind. Interestingly He tells them they are not of "His sheep".

**Q.** They are Jews, why are they not of "His sheep"?

We learned that even though He was sent to the Jewish Nation first, the benefits of His life, death and resurrection would be felt by the entire world but would only mean something and be revealed to those who believed. The life of Christ has changed the entire world and does to this day, but the beneficial impact, the impact that means life for eternity with Him, only impacts those who believe. Soul life is eternal, the difference is some have Spiritual eternal Soul life, and the others have punishing eternal soul life absent from God. When saved you cannot be taken from the hand of God.

**25**Jesus answered them, **I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. 26**But ye believe not, because **ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.**

There are two gates or opportunities; we have talked about the true gate Jesus Christ the one who gives all men the opportunity to be saved. But there is another gate;

***Matthew 7: 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (emphasis mine)***

**27**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **28**And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. **29**My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is

**able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.**

There is only one entity that I can think of that wants to “pluck” the saved out of the hand of God and Christ Jesus. That is the “thief” who comes to “steal, and kill and destroy”. Now there are many in Satan’s fold that would assist Satan in carrying out his desire to destroy mankind. There are many that make no choice and think that by making no choice that they are exempt for eternal hell. And, then there are many that willing take on the mantle of Satan, with full knowledge of what they are doing, miscalculating the Truth. They have become convinced that in some twisted manner Satan has a chance of pulling off the removal of God from His Throne.

***John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:***

**31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?**

If a group of angry folks picked up stones to throw at you, most of us would take off to escape. Our Lord however simply asks them for clarification as to the cause for their anger and the murder they are about to commit.

**33**The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

The Jewish leadership was basing their authority to stone Jesus under Leviticus:

***Leviticus 24:16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.***

According to a Jewish source online, which I know should not be consider authoritative, there are four main reasons the Jews do not embrace Jesus as Messiah. I won't go into the specifics per se, we can if you want but just to put into context what Jesus was faced with then and what the Jews think now. Most of this you will at once disagree with the Jewish reasoning.

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1. Jesus did not fulfill the messianic prophecies.
2. Jesus did not embody the personal qualifications of the Messiah.
3. Biblical verses "referring" to Jesus are

mistranslations.

4. Jewish belief is based on national revelation.

*“Of the 15,000 religions in human history, only Judaism bases its belief on national revelation—i.e. God speaking to the entire nation. If God is going to start a religion, it makes sense He’ll tell everyone, not just one person.”*

**34** Jesus answered them, **Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35** If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

There are some things we should consider when Jesus challenges them in vs 35 about the term “gods”. First it is small “g” and in this verse the term He used was Theos. However, if you go to Psalms which may be what Jesus was referring to the word used is Elohim.

The Greek word Jesus used here in John 10:35 for “gods” is Theos.

From Strong’s Concordance

“In this text it means **theos** **theh'-os**: a deity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very -- exceeding, God, god(-ly, -ward).

[Long before the NT was written, **2316** (*theós*) referred to the supreme being who *owns* and sustains all things.]”

***Psalms 28: 6I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High.***

In Psalms 28 the term in the Hebrew used is Elohim. Commentaries put this into the context that God was explaining to man that man would judge for God on earth and that man would be given authority by God to do so, but in the end, man was just man and would die as any man dies.

Jesus was putting out a bit of a red herring here, in that He knew exactly what God had said but was messing with the Jews minds by saying, God called us all gods, so why are you so upset with me when I said, in essence I am god?

John 10:30 **"I and my Father are one."**

Back to John 10:

**36Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? 37If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. 39Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,**

I don't know how Jesus kept doing this. He would be in the middle of a debate and then; escape out of their hands.

## Many across the Jordan Believe

**40**And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode. **41**And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. **42**And many believed on him there.

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In the world today God tells us there are many false prophets and teachers. The Bible gives us no clear indication that there are Apostles today, quite the contrary. To be an Apostle one had to see Jesus in life both before His Crucifixion and after His Resurrection.

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