

“I AM the Door!”
John 10:1-10
Lesson #4
4/6/25

Ex. 12:13b “... when I see the blood I will pass over you”

I. The True Shepherd has access to the sheep pen.

A. The false shepherds avoided the gate.

John 10:1 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.”

Psalms 23:5 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ^[6] Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

Ezekiel 34:1 “The word of the LORD came to me: ^[2] Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’”

Ezekiel 34:4 “You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.”

Jeremiah 10:21 “The shepherds are senseless and do not inquire of the LORD; so, they do not prosper.”

Matthew 7:15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”

B. The true Shepherd is admitted through the gate.

John 10:2 “The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.”

II. The true Shepherd is accepted by His flock.

A. The sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd.

John 10:3a *"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice."*

B. The sheep are referred to by their name.

John 10:3b *"... He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."*

Genesis 15:1 *"After these the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."*

Exodus 3:4b *"... God called to him from within the burning bush, "Moses, Moses!"*

I Samuel 3:10 *"The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"*

C. The sheep rely on the leadership of their shepherd.

John 10:3c *"... and leads them out."*

John 10:4 *"When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."*

Psalms 23:2 *"He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters."*

John 10:27 *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me."*

D. The sheep refuse to follow a stranger's voice.

John 10:5 *"But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."*

John 10:6 *"Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them."*

III. The true Shepherd announced that He is the gate.

A. Jesus is the true Shepherd who saves, so trust Him!!

John 10:7 *"Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep."*

Acts 4:12 *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."*

John 10:8 *"All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them."*

John 10:9a *"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved...."*

B. Jesus is the true Shepherd who secures, so do not be afraid!

John 10:9b *"... They will come in and go out, and find pasture."*

Psalms 121:8 *"The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."*

John 10:27 *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."*

C. Jesus is the true Shepherd who satisfies, so be content!

John 10:9b *"... and find pasture."*

John 10:10 *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*