



The Good Shepherd 20th in the “Life in his Name” Series

John 10:1-21, p. 896

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Introduction

In this passage God helps the church understand their nature as sheep and Christ’s work as Shepherd.

The Text: John 10:1-21

- 1) This passages helps us see ourselves as sheep, our need of a shepherd, and false shepherds (vv. 1-6).
- 2) Jesus is “the Door of the Sheep” – the only access a person has to God (vv. 7-10).
- 3) Jesus is “the Good Shepherd” – the sacrificial provider and lover of God’s people (vv. 11-21).

The Seven “I Am” Statements:

- (1) “I am the Bread of Life” (6:35) → Jesus is our most basic need who alone can satisfy us.
- (2) “I am the Light of the World (8:12) → Jesus is our cosmic savior who alone can redeem us.
- (3) “I am the Door of the Sheep” (10:7) → Jesus is our access to God who alone can mediate for us.
- (4) “I am the Good Shepherd” (10:11) → Jesus is our sacrificial provider who alone can care for us.
- (5) “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (11:25) →
- (6) “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life” (14:6) →
- (7) “I am the True Vine” (15:1) →

Response

This passage declares that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of Psalm 23!

“Christ is my Shepherd; I shall not want! Christ makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, for Christ refreshes my soul. Christ guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley I will fear no evil, for Christ is with me; Christ’s rod and staff, they comfort me. Christ has prepared a table for me in the presence of my enemies. Christ has anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Sunday Text Questions for John 10:1-21

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- 1) Starter Question: What does the image of God as our Shepherd impress upon you?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Vv. 1-5 are an “illustration,” something like a parable. How does it help to introduce the Christians’ role as the sheep and Christ’s role as the Shepherd?
- 4) What does this passage teach us about the reality and danger of false shepherds (see vv. 1, 5, 8, 10, 12)?
- 5) How might Christians today be exposed to or influenced by false shepherds?
- 6) Jesus makes two applications from the illustration; the first is that he is “the Door of the Sheep” (vv. 7-10). What does it mean that Jesus is the Door?
- 7) The second application is that Jesus is “the Good Shepherd” (vv. 11-18). What does it mean that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?
- 8) What does this passage tell us about the ways Jesus shepherds his flock?
- 9) How does this passage instruct Christians about living as obedient sheep under the Good Shepherd?
- 10) Read Psalm 23. How does this passage present Jesus as the fulfillment and expansion of Psalm 23?

Further study this week: Ezekiel 34 on God’s promise to be our Shepherd (Mon); Acts 20:17-38 on the church’s responsibility to shepherd (Tues); 1 Peter 5:1-11 on the shepherding responsibilities of pastor-elders (Wed); Matthew 18:10-14 on God’s shepherding of us (Thurs); Psalm 23 on the Good Shepherd (Fri).