

## Parable of the Good Shepard (John 10:1-10)

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### Scripture Text:

1. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.
2. But he who enters by the door is a 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. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
5. A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."
6. This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.
7. So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
8. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.
9. I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
10. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (JOHN 10:1-10 NASB)

### Outline:

- I. The Thief Climbs in Another Way, the Good Shepard Comes in Through the Door. (vv.1-5)
- II. The People Do Not Understand the Parable (v.6)
- III. Jesus, the Door of the Sheep (v.7)
- IV. Thieves and Robbers that Came Before Jesus (v.8)

V. "The Door" and "The Thief" Compared (vv.9-10)

**Worksheet :**

I. The Thief Climbs in Another Way, the Good Shepard Comes in Through the Door. (vv.1-5)

- a. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber." (v.1) (Read: Ezekiel 34:1-16)

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- b. But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. (v.2)

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- c. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (v.3)

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- d. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. (v.4)

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- e. A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." (v.5)

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II. The People Do Not Understand the Parable (v.6)

- a. This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them." (v.6)

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- b. Without the benefit of verses 7-21 would you have a complete and full understanding of what Jesus was saying? *[discussion]*

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III. Jesus, the Door of the Sheep (v.7)

- a. "So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep." (v.7)

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- b. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of seven (7) "I AM" statements of Jesus (John 6:35 & 8:12 being the first two)

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- c. Jesus changes His metaphor slightly from being the "Good Shepard" to now being the "Door of the Sheep"

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- d. This can be seen in John 14:6 – "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (JOHN 14:6 NASB)

- e. As Jesus is our Great High \_\_\_\_\_ and Supreme \_\_\_\_\_ for sin, that leads us to life everlasting in Heaven, so is He the Good \_\_\_\_\_ of the sheep and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sheep that leads to good pasture.

IV. Thieves and Robbers that Came Before Jesus (v.8)

- a. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

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- b. Who are these "thieves and robbers" that Jesus is referring to? (Ezekiel 34) *[discussion]*

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V. "The Door" and "The Thief" Compared (vv.9-10)

a. "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." (v.9)

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b. What does Jesus mean by, "and will go in and out and find pasture"? What doesn't He mean? *[discussion]*

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c. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (v.10)

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d. What is the desire of the thief? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

e. How is "the thief" able to do these things in the life of a Christian from a practical standpoint?

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f. Who supports the activities of the thief? \_\_\_\_\_

g. What did Jesus come to do in contrast to the thief?