

Jesus, the Great I AM

(11) The Door

Jesus rebukes the false shepherds...John10:1-6

What authority is given to the leaders of Israel? Ps.80:1; Num.27:15-17; see Acts 20:28

They are 'under-shepherds' to lead/guide/protect Israel, God's flock. Elders/church now.

What is the context for the teaching of John 10? 9:24-34

The spiritual leaders had thrown out the healed beggar. Blind leaders indeed, 9:40!

How does the Word of God portray the corrupt spiritual leaders of Israel? Ez.34:1-6; Ps.79:13

They are false shepherds of Israel. With force and severity they oppressed Israel!

Who then, does Jesus directly address in John 10:1-5? see 9:40-10:5; Jer.23:1-2

This is focused on the unbelieving Pharisees, those 'false shepherds' of the sheep.

How does Jesus describe a real shepherd versus the false shepherds? 10:1-2

The real shepherd enters by the gate, the false climb over the fence as thieves/robbers.

Why was this *figure of speech* (10:6) relevant to this audience? yet note Mt.13:10-16

They knew shepherds, sheep pens with fences/gates/keepers. Yet Truth not understood

How do we identify the sheep fold of 10:1? see 10:16 also Eph.2:11-22; new flock=Church

This sheep fold is Israel, other sheep fold is Gentiles. Sheep from both are the new flock.

Describe the interaction between shepherd and his sheep in 10:3-5?

He calls his own by name, leads them out. Sheep know his voice, follow him. Reject others

Behind the *figure of speech*, what does Jesus teach about His flock?

His flock will be called out by name from the Jews and Gentiles. New flock follows Him.

Jesus declares I AM the Door for the sheep...10:7-10

Focusing now on His sheep, what I AM declaration does Jesus make in John 10:7?

He declares, I AM the door (gate) for My sheep. He is personally that door/gate.

How did this work in the real life of shepherds of that day? What 2 functions resulted?

The shepherd would lie down to act as the gate. 1)Predators out 2)sheep in! Security.

How safe and secure are His sheep? 10:27-30

Absolutely secure in Him! God the Son and God the Father hold us. Spirit seals us!

How had the *thieves and robbers* just shepherded the blind beggar? 9:28, 34

Demonstrating exactly what Jesus said. They reviled him, threw him out. But Jesus...

The beggar is now an example of how to be *saved* out of Judaism. What is it? 10:9 see 14:6

All true believers, like the beggar, enter through Jesus. He is the only door to salvation.

What is one great contrast between *the thief* and *Jesus*? 10:10

The thief (Satan?) only kills/destroys. Jesus gives life and life abundantly. Real peace.

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