

THE GOD SHEPHERD

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JESUS TAKES THE STAND—JOHN 10

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees...

- **Thieves jump the fence** (v.1)
- **Shepherds come through the gate** (v.2)
- **The Shepherd talks to the sheep and the sheep know the shepherd** (vv.3-5)

The sheep listen to [the shepherd's] voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 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.

John 10:4-5

- **The Pharisees don't get it.** (v.6)

“Very truly I tell you...

- **I am the gate...** (vv.9-10)

...whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- **I am the Good Shepherd...** (v.11)

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- **I have other sheep, i.e. the Gentiles** (v.16)

- **I am a volunteer not a victim.** (vv.17-18)

THE JURY IS HUNG...AGAIN (vv.19-21)

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WITHOUT THE LIFE OF CHRIST IS A BURDEN TOO HEAVY TO BEAR.

JESUS IS THE DEAL

“I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS HARD BECAUSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE HARD:

- **BECAUSE THERE'S A THIEF**
- **BECAUSE FALLEN HUMAN NATURE TURNS US ALL INTO HIRED HANDS**
- **A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS HARDER STILL, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE HIM.**

Jesus told [Thomas], “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29 (See Hebrews 11:1)

- **GOD IS NOT SEEN, BUT NEITHER IS GOD SILENT**

JESUS—THE GOOD SHEPHERD—IS MAKING THE

FATHER KNOWN IN THE FLESH

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 1:18

- **GOD IS PERSONAL—HE KNOWS HIS SHEEP**
- **GOD IS RELATIONAL—HE TALKS TO THEM AND THEY KNOW HIS VOICE**
- **GOD IS PASSIONATE—HE CARES FOR HIS SHEEP EVEN UNTO DEATH**

JESUS IS MAKING THE FATHER KNOWN THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT—JOHN 14-16

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth ...the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

John 16:12-13,15