

Parable of the Good Shepherd

10:1 **T**RULY, 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 ^aa thief and a robber. 2 “But he who enters by the door is ^aa shepherd of the sheep. 3 “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear ^ahis voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and ^bleads them out. 4 “When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know ^ahis voice. 5 “And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know ^athe voice of strangers.” 6 This ^afigure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 Jesus therefore said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am ^athe door of the sheep. 8 “All who came before Me are ^athieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 “^aI am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 “The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they ^amight have life, and might ¹have *it* abundantly. 11 “^aI am the good shepherd; the good shepherd ^blays down His life for the sheep. 12 “He who is a hireling, and not a ^ashepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters *them*. 13 “*He flees* because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep. 14 “^aI am the good shepherd; and ^bI know My own, and My own know Me, 15 even as ^athe Father knows Me and I know the Father; and ^bI lay down My life for the sheep. 16 “And I have ^aother sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become ^bone flock *with* ^cone shepherd. 17 “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I ^alay down My life that I may take it again. 18 “^aNo one ¹has taken it away from Me, but I ^blay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. ^cThis commandment I received from My Father.”

19 ^aThere arose a division again among the Jews because of these words. 20 And many of them were saying, “He ^ahas a demon and ^bis insane. Why do you listen to Him?” 21 Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one ^ademon-possessed. ^bA demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

Jesus Asserts His Deity

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of ^aSolomon. 24 ^aThe Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are ¹the Christ, tell us ^bplainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “^aI told you, and you do not believe; ^bthe works that I do in My Father’s name, these bear witness of Me. 26 “But you do not believe, because ^ayou are not of My sheep. 27 “My sheep ^ahear My voice, and ^bI know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give ^aeternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and ^bno one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 “¹My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand. 30 “^aI and the Father are ¹one.”

31 The Jews ^atook up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” 33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for ^ablasphemy; and

because You, being a man, ^bmake Yourself out *to be* God.” 34 Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in ^ayour ^bLaw, ‘^cI SAID, YOU ARE GODS’? 35 “If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him, whom the Father ^asanctified and ^bsent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? 37 “^aIf I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe ^athe works, that you may ¹know and understand that ^bthe Father is in Me, and I in the Father.” 39 Therefore ^athey were seeking again to seize Him, and ^bHe eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away ^aagain beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there. 41 And many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no ^asign, yet ^beverything John said about this man was true.” 42 And ^amany believed in Him there.

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^a John 10:8

^a John 10:11f.

^a John 10:4f., 16, 27

^b John 10:9

^a John 10:5, 16, 27

^a John 10:4, 16, 27

^a John 16:25, 29; 2 Pet. 2:22

^a John 10:1f., 9

^a Jer. 23:1f.; Ezek. 34:2ff.; John 10:1

^a John 10:1f., 9

^a John 5:40

¹ Or, *have abundance*

^a Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:11-16, 23; John 10:14; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 7:17

^b John 10:15, 17, 18; 15:13; 1 John 3:16

^a John 10:2

^a John 10:11

^b John 10:27

^a Matt. 11:27; Luke 10:22

^b John 10:11, 17, 18

^a Is. 56:8

^b John 11:52; 17:20f.; Eph. 2:13-18; 1 Pet. 2:25

^c Ezek. 34:23; 37:24

^a John 10:11, 15, 18

^a Matt. 26:53; John 2:19; 5:26

¹ Many Gr. mss. read *takes*

^b John 10:11, 15, 17

^c John 14:31; 15:10; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8

^a John 7:43; 9:16

^a John 7:20

^b Mark 3:21

^a Matt. 4:24

^b Ex. 4:11; John 9:32f.

^a Acts 3:11; 5:12

^a John 1:19; 10:31, 33

¹ I.e., the Messiah

^b Luke 22:67; John 16:25

^a John 8:56, 58

^b John 5:36; 10:38

^a John 8:47

^a John 10:4, 16

^b John 10:14

^a John 17:2f.; 1 John 2:25; 5:11

^b John 6:37, 39

¹ Some early mss. read *What My Father has given Me is greater than all*

^a John 17:21ff.

¹ Lit., (neuter) *a unity*; or, *one essence*

^a John 8:59

^a Lev. 24:16

^b John 5:18

^a John 8:17

^b John 12:34; 15:25; Rom. 3:19; 1 Cor. 14:21

^c Ps. 82:6

^a Jer. 1:5; John 6:69

^b John 3:17

^c John 5:17f.; 10:30

^a John 10:25; 15:24

^a John 10:25; 14:11

¹ Lit., *know and continue knowing*

^b John 14:10f., 20; 17:21, 23

^a John 7:30

^b Luke 4:30; John 8:59

^a John 1:28

^a John 2:11

^b John 1:27, 30, 34; 3:27-30

^a John 7:31

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.