

Jesus is the Great Shepherd

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Purpose: John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Memory Verse: John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Theme: Jesus is the good shepherd and contrasted with Israel's evil shepherds.

I. Contrast of Shepherds - Illustrated

10:1-6

A. Attributes of False Shepherds

1. False shepherds do not enter the sheepfold _____.
2. False shepherds find a _____ to enter the sheepfold.
3. False shepherds are identified as _____.

B. Attributes of the Good Shepherd

1. The good shepherd enters the sheepfold through the _____.
2. The good shepherd desires to _____ for His sheep
3. The good shepherd knows each sheep _____ and intimately
4. The good shepherd _____ the sheep
5. The sheep are protected from harm by knowing _____.

II. Contrast of Shepherds - Explained

10:7-16

A. Attributes of the False Shepherd

- 1. The false shepherds came before Jesus to exploit some, but were ignored by _____.**

2. The false shepherds come to _____ the flock.
3. The false shepherds will not risk their safety for the flock and will abandon them _____.

B. Attributes of the Good Shepherd

1. I AM the _____ of entry to the way of salvation.
2. I will _____ them to good pasture
3. I have come so they may have _____
4. I AM the good shepherd and will _____ for My sheep
5. I know those who believe in Me and ____ them intimately and individually.
6. I have another group of believers who I will _____ to this flock.

III. The Obedient Shepherd

10:17-18

1. The Father _____ Jesus and His sacrifice of His life is for the sin of all believers.
2. Jesus _____ sacrifices His life and He has authority to take it up again
3. Jesus _____ the commandment He received from His Father.

IV. Response of the Crowd

10:19-21

1. Jesus' words caused _____ within the crowd
2. Many accused Jesus of being _____.
3. Some defended His teaching as authoritative and pointed to _____ as proof.

III. Implications

1. Have you entered by the only door to salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Does your life exhibit the attributes of a sheep from Jesus' flock?
3. Are you concerned for others who may be following a false shepherd?