

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-21

Lesson #27

Key Verse: 10:11

1. To whom is Jesus speaking? Who acted as a good shepherd to the man born blind in chapter 9? How?
2. Read verses 1-6. What does it mean that Jesus came in by the gate? (8:29,55; 8:33; Eze 34:15, 23-24) How does Jesus fulfill prophecy?
3. When a man climbs over the fence into the sheep pen, what does this reveal about him? How are the motives of one who climbs in some other way different from those of the shepherd?
4. What are the differences between a shepherd and a stranger? What shows that the shepherd knows his sheep and they know him? What does this teach us about the love relationship between ourselves and our shepherd Jesus? What does it mean to hear his voice?
5. Read verses (6)7-10. When they did not understand him, how did Jesus change the metaphor? What does he say about false gates? What does it mean that Jesus is the gate? Why does the thief come? What are some "false gates"? Why does Jesus the shepherd come? (10)
6. Read verses 11-18. How do we become Jesus' sheep? How does Jesus the good shepherd show that he loves the sheep? (11,14) How is the hired hand different from the shepherd? How is he like the thief and how is he different?
7. Who are the other sheep? How do sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd? What does this teach about his world mission purpose? How is it possible for there to be one flock and one shepherd? (16)
8. How does Jesus show his love for the Father and confirm the Father's love for him? (17,18) Why must Jesus die? (Jn 1:29) What did the Jews say about him? (19-21) How can I know that I am Jesus' sheep? How can we become shepherds?