

John 1:1-8

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. ¹⁰They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹¹The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹²“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹³The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹⁴The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁵“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁶just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁷I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁸The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁹No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

THE SHEPHERD WHO DIED FOR THE SHEEP

John 10:1-18

- I. SHEEP RECOGNIZE THE VOICE OF THE TRUE SHEPHERD (JOHN 10:1-6).
 - A. Thieves climbing over the wall – The world has thieves (religious leaders) trying to make sheep follow them (1).
 - B. A true shepherd's voice (Jesus) is recognized by his sheep (2-6).

- II. JESUS IS THE SHEEP GATE – THE ONLY WAY TO BE ETERNALLY SAVED (JOHN 10:7-10).
 - A. Jesus is the gate for His sheep, so His sheep ignore spiritual thieves (7-8).
 - B. Jesus is the rightful shepherd who provides the only way to be eternally saved (9-10).

- III. JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO LAID DOWN HIS LIFE BY DYING FOR OUR SINS (10:11-18).
 - A. Jesus is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us – unlike any other religious leader (10:11-13).
 - B. Jesus is the good shepherd who came to die for the sins of the whole world and rise again to give us eternal life (10:14-18).

Main Point: Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again. If you put your faith/trust in Jesus Christ alone, you can know you have eternal life in heaven (John 3:16).