

I am the good shepherd

Seven Defining Statements

# Jesus says He is...

- Bread of Life - Hunger
- Light of the World - Follow
- Gate - Access

# Return to John 9

- Crowd is concerned about healing of blind man
  - Whose sin is it?
  - What purpose is there in his situation?
- Religious leaders
  - Kick out the healed man
  - Accuse Jesus of following Satan
- Jesus tells man He is “Son of God”

# John 10

- Jesus tells the crowd a story about sheep
  - Announces He is the gate that all sheep must go through to belong to the Father
  - He has come to give the sheep access to abundant life
  - Others come only to steal and destroy

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  - Includes Jews who know Him as Messiah/Savior
  - Includes Gentiles who know Him as Messiah/Savior



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- **Jesus is all powerful, but does what pleases the Father because He loves Him**
  - It’s not about the rules - it’s the relationship

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- **Jesus clearly states who He is, but knowing who He is requires belief in Him**

- Unless there is that belief, there are things that will never be known, understood, experienced

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  - Understanding His role as shepherd takes away all fear

# Jesus is the good shepherd

- Good Shepherd - Responsibility

# Paraphrase of Psalm 23

“Jesus is my shepherd, and there is nothing more I could want. He has me rest in pleasant places and leads me into safety, and makes me whole, all the while making me holy. Even when it seems death is very near, I’m not afraid because He is stronger than anything, even my enemies. He heals me and blesses me beyond my ability to understand it all since everywhere I look I find His goodness and His mercy. And I will live with Him, knowing Him, now and forever.”

# No wonder...

- The enemy hates Him so
- Those who are religious try to make it about something else
- The world is so confused about who He really is because He is unique

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