

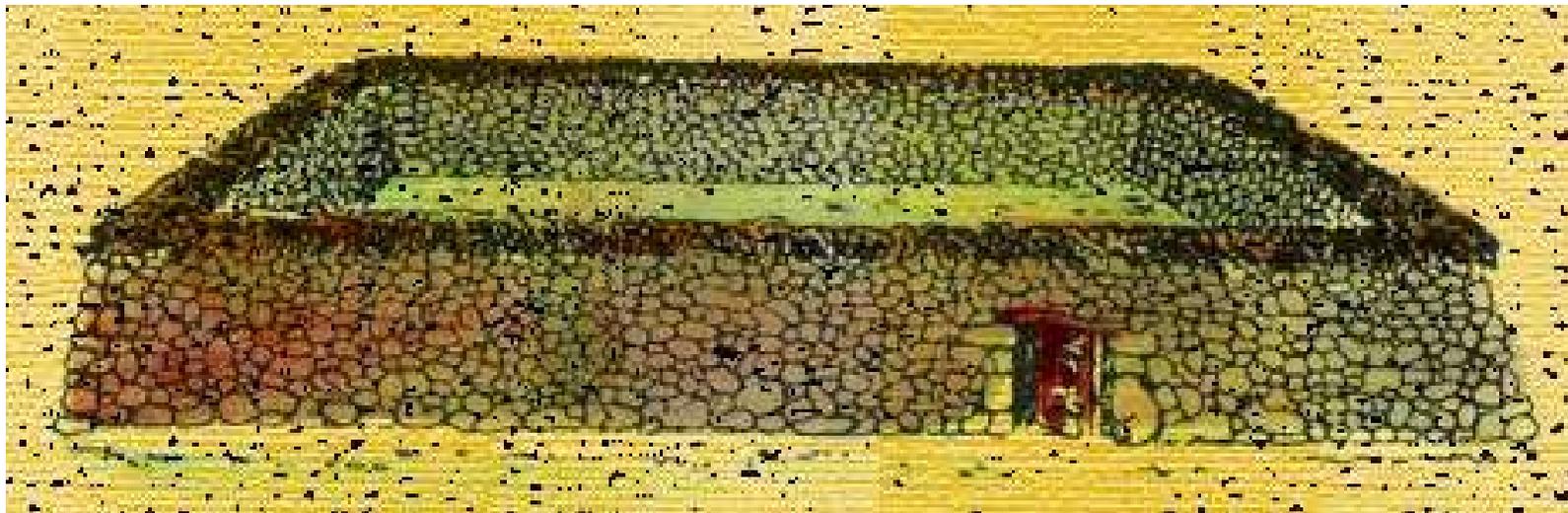
I AM the True Shepherd
the Door, and the Good
Shepherd





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Backgrounder on Sheep Folds



Backgrounder on Audience Familiarity

- Moses
 - You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron (Ps. 77:20)
- David
 - Psalm 23 The LORD is my shepherd..
- Prophets

• Prophet Ezekiel 34

- **1 ¶ The word of the LORD came to me:**
- **2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?**
- **3 You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.**
- **4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.**
- **5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.**
- **6 My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no-one searched or looked for them.**
- **7 ¶ "'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:**
- **8 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock,**
- **9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:**
- **10 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock.**

Backgrounder on Immediate Context



John 9:38 And (the seeing man) said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him. And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?”? Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin₅ remains.



John 10:1 “Truly, 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 a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is a **shepherd** of the sheep. To him the **doorkeeper** opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. A **stranger** they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” This **figure of speech** Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.**

1. I AM The True Shepherd (v1 -5)

Verse	Elements	Story
1	He who...	...does not enter by the door but climbs up some other way
	Door	
	Fold	
	The sheep	
2	He who...	...does enter by the door
	A shepherd	
	The sheep	
3	Doorkeeper	To the shepherd he opens the door
	His own sheep	Hear his voice, hear their names, he leads them out
4	The shepherd	When he has all his own, he leads, they know his voice, they follow
5	A stranger	The sheep flee, don't know his voice

1. I AM The True Shepherd (v1 -5)

Verse	Elements	Story	Jesus Message
1	He who...thieves and robbers	...does not enter by the door but climbs up some other way	Pharisees
	Door		of the promised Messiah
	Fold		Religious fold of Judaism
	The sheep		The people of Israel
2	He who...	...does enter by the door	The True Shepherd
	A shepherd		Jesus Christ
	The sheep		The people of Israel
3	Doorkeeper	To the shepherd he opens the door	John the Baptist
	His own sheep	Hear his voice, hear their names, he leads them out	Jesus Disciples
4	The shepherd	When he has all his own, he leads, they know his voice, they follow	The True Shepherd, Jesus Christ
5	A stranger	The sheep flee, don't know his voice	The leaders of religious Judaism

2. I AM The Door (v7-10)

7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am **the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are **thieves and robbers**, but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the door**; **if anyone** enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **The thief** comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

Verse	Elements	Story	Jesus Message	Verse	Elements	Story	Jesus Message
1	He who...thieves and robbers	...does not enter by the door but climbs up some other way	Pharisees	8,10	All who came before me...	...only to steal, kill, destroy	Pharisees, leaders of Israel
	Door		of the promised Messiah	7, again v8	The door	Jesus Christ, I AM	The Messiah, sent one, Son of God
	Fold		Religious fold of Judaism				
	The sheep		The people of Israel				
2	He who...	...does enter by the door	The True Shepherd				
	A shepherd		Jesus Christ				
	The sheep		The people of Israel	8	The sheep	Did not hear the thieves and robbers	Those of Israel who were truly the Lord's from John the Baptist?
3	Doorkeeper	To the shepherd he opens the door	John the Baptist				
	His own sheep	Hear his voice, hear their names, he leads them out	Jesus Disciples	9	He whoenters through Me, shall be saved, & go in and out and find pasture	I came that they might have life, in abundance
4	The shepherd	When he has all his own, he leads, they know his voice, they follow	The True Shepherd, Jesus Christ	9	The door	I AM	Jesus is the inviter, Saviour, protector, nourisher...
5	A stranger	The sheep flee, don't know his voice	The leaders of religious Judaism				

2. The Door

- *I am the Door, the Saviour, with the salvation that is:*
 - *Unique*
 - *Exclusive*
 - *Free*
 - *Abundant*
 - *Living*
 - *Eternal*
 - *Secure*

3. I AM The Good Shepherd (v11 -18)

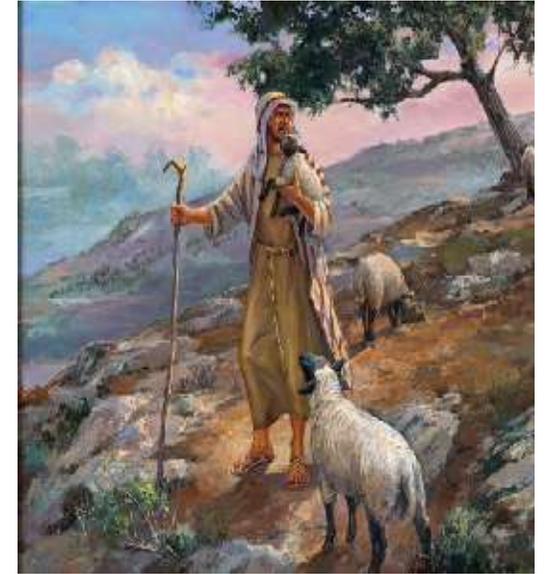
11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

Verse	Elements	Story	Jesus Message
11	Good shepherdlays down his life for the sheep	...I AM the good shepherd (v 14)
12	Hireling, not a shepherd, not the owner		.. leaders of Jewish religion in His audience
		...beholds the wolf, abandons	29: no-one can snatch them out of my/Father's hand
12	The wolf	...snatches the sheep, scatters them	who or whatever the threat: Satan, sin, godless hierarchy
14	My sheep		..I know my sheep, and my sheep know me
16	Other sheep, other fold		..ALL in addition to Jews; I must bring them also

- **I AM the Good Shepherd**
 - **Intrinsically (I AM!)**
 - **Relationally (I know my sheep)**
 - **Protectively (I lay down my life)**
 - **Securely (I never abandon..)**
 - **Functionally (I lead them to..)**
 - **Universally (I must bring them..)**
 - **Sovereignly (can't be snatched..)**

4. The Audience

- *Some Pharisees*
- *Divided*
 - *Demon possessed and raving mad*
 - *Can a man make the blind to see?*



4. *What response was Jesus looking for via these parables?*

- *Individually*

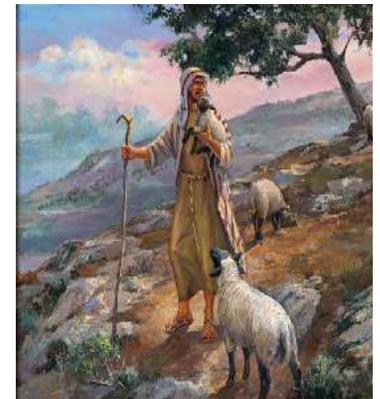
- *Heed His voice*

- *Enter through Him for salvation*

- *Follow Him as My Shepherd, Light, True, the Door, the Good,*

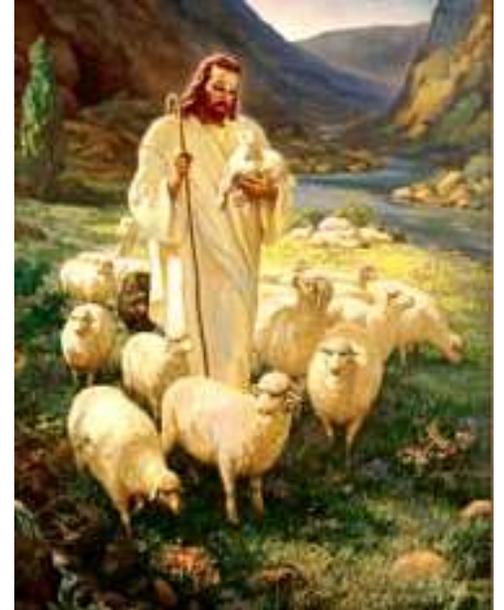
- *Collectively*

- *As undershepherds*



4. What response was Jesus looking for via these parables?

- *Collectively*
 - *We belong in His One flock*
 - *We follow Him together*



4. What response was Jesus looking for via these parables?

- *As undershepherds*
 - *Enter the fold via the Door*
 - *Lead all to Him*
 - *Out of blindness*
 - *Into the Light*
 - *The Salvation of God*
 - *Spiritual nourishment*
 - *Protection*
 - *Sacrificial love and care*
 - *Under His Light, His authority*



