

John 10:1–21 follows directly after Jesus heals the man born blind in John 9. The contrast is striking: the religious leaders, who claimed to see, proved spiritually blind by rejecting both the healed man and Jesus. Against this backdrop, Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd and exposes the failure of Israel's leaders, echoing God's condemnation of false shepherds in Ezekiel 34. Sheep knew their shepherd's voice and followed him because of trust and relationship. Jesus uses this familiar image to reveal His care, leadership, and sacrificial love. Unlike hired hands, He lays down His life for the sheep. The passage ultimately points to His death, resurrection, and the offer of abundant life to all who believe.

If you could spend a day with any famous leader, past or present, who would it be and why?

Read: John 10:1-21

1. V1-2 - Why does Jesus describe Himself as the Shepherd and others as thieves and robbers? Read Ez 34:1-10
2. Reflecting upon v3-4 and v12-13, what practical habits help Christians become more familiar with Jesus' voice through Scripture, prayer, and the Holy Spirit?
3. Read v5 - What types of false teachings (other voices) are present in the Church today?
4. What "strange voices" compete for your attention?
5. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the gate"? In v7-9?
6. Read v10 - What is the difference between merely existing and experiencing the abundant life Jesus promises? Read Eph 3:16-19.
7. What does Jesus mean by "I know my sheep and my sheep know me"?
8. Who are the "other sheep" Jesus mentions? Read Eph 2:11-22
9. How can we reflect God's heart for people from different backgrounds and cultures?
10. What authority does Jesus claim concerning His death and resurrection?
11. How does Jesus' authority strengthen your faith during difficult circumstances?
12. What does it mean to pray with authority in and over life's circumstances?

Prayer Points

Pray for the Evangelism training coming up - pray for Liz and those involved as they prepare to equip and encourage others.

Pray for Anna and the work she is involved with. Pray for those she meets, for the opportunities to be created and the team around her.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

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I am the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-21

In the Gospel of John, Jesus progressively reveals His divine identity while confronting deep unbelief. He is presented as the light who exposes spiritual darkness, showing that true blindness is not physical but a refusal to recognise truth. As the Good Shepherd, He embodies sacrificial love, intimate care, and secure belonging for His people. This part of the gospel also emphasises faith as trust in His person rather than mere signs. These passages highlight themes of revelation, belief versus rejection, abundant life, and the growing tension between divine truth and human resistance.

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