



*Who Is Jesus? John 10: 1 - 11*

## Who is Jesus?

- We have made it through Thanksgiving and now look ahead to Christmas
  - There are so many questions that must be answered
    - When will we celebrate it as a family?
    - What is our budget on gifts?
    - What topics are not to be brought up for discussion this year?

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- We have made it through Thanksgiving and now look ahead to Christmas
  - Do we invite that crazy uncle this year who always brings up certain topics at dinner just to see people's reaction because he loves chaos?
    - We all remember the year he stated, "I think Dr. Fauci should receive the government's highest award for truthfulness and honesty."

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- But the most important question is, “Who is Jesus?”
  - He is the “Son of God” - **Hebrews 1:3a ESV**, “He is the radiance (*Shekinah*) of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”
  - He called Himself the “Son of Man” - **Luke 19:10 NIV**, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (*struggling, hurting, failing, drowning, dying, lonely, abused*).”
    - **John 1:14 NIV**, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

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- But the most important question is, “Who is Jesus?”
  - John the Baptist said of Jesus, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”, **John 1:29 NIV**
  - This week we discover Jesus describes Himself as “*The Good Shepherd*”

## Who is Jesus?

- The Jewish religious leaders were frustrated at the time of Jesus
  - They had hopes for Jesus when He started but then judged Him to be a fake, fraud and rejected Him completely
  - The people were confused when listening to the religious leaders leading to problems
    - What the people saw or heard about Jesus did not match what the religious leaders were telling them

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  - **John 10:19-21 ESV**, “19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” 21 Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

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- Context is very important to understanding Scripture
  - At the end of chapter 8, Jesus declared Himself not only greater than Abraham but also claimed to be the “*I am*” (**John 8:58**)
  - This was the divine name God used in speaking to Moses at the burning bush (**Ex. 3:14**)
    - The Pharisees and people who heard this properly understood Jesus was claiming full divinity for Himself and they picked up stones to kill Him
  - “Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” (**John 8:59**)

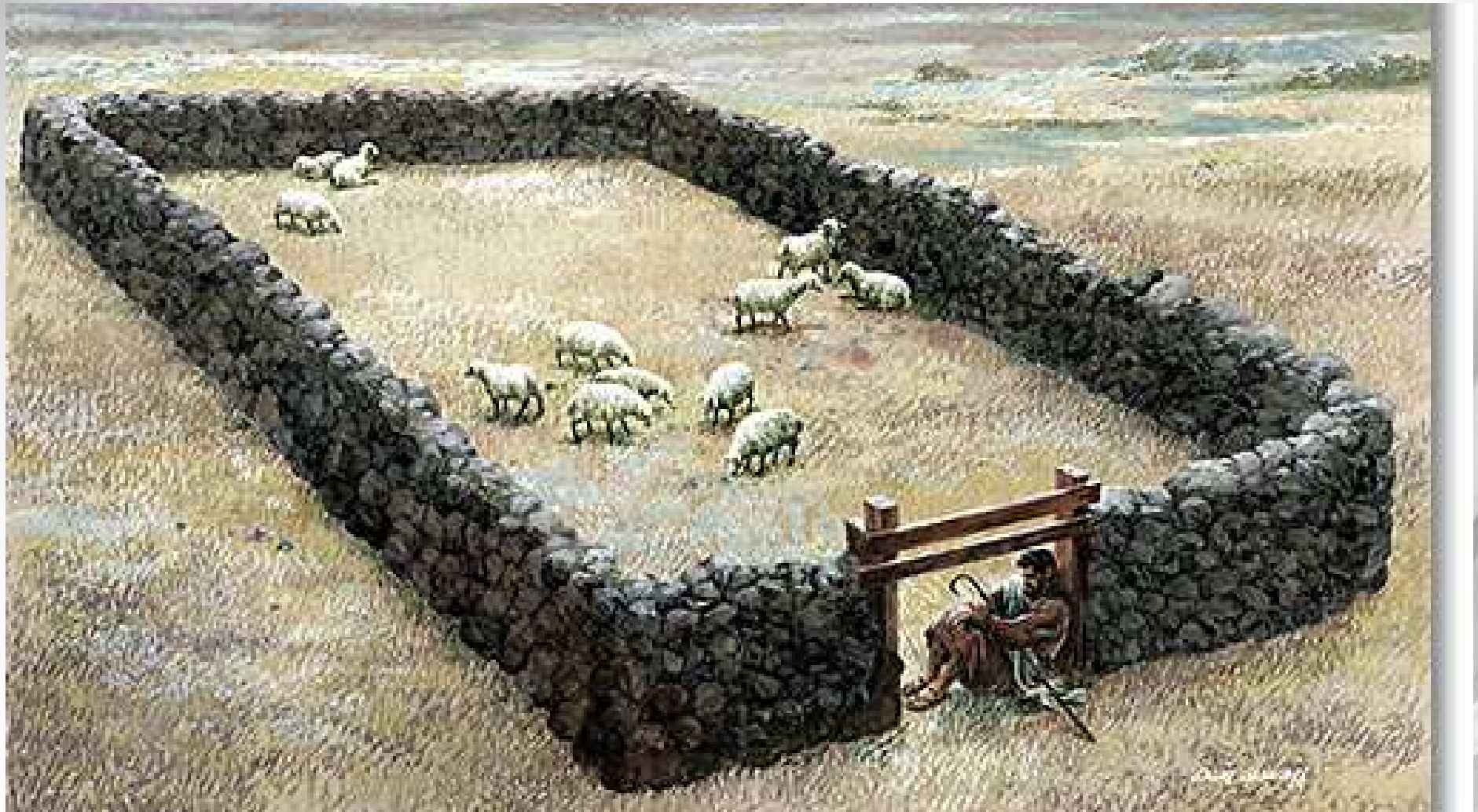


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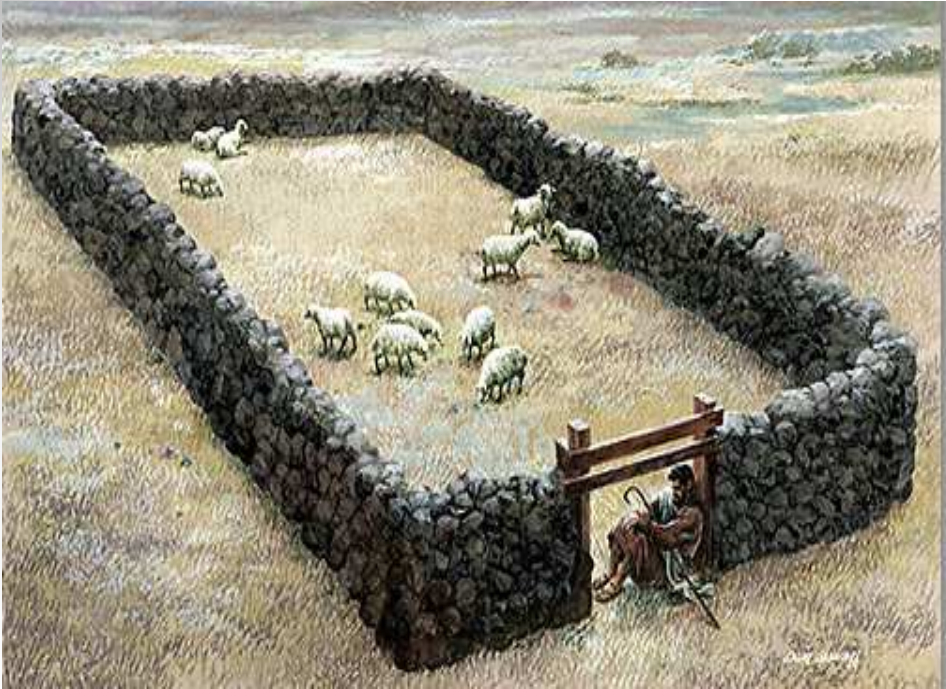
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  - As Jesus left the temple most likely through the Sheep Gate and continued His ministry by healing a man born blind (**John 9:7**)
    - Jesus gave him not only physical sight but led the man to confess his belief and worshipped Him (**John 9:38**)
  - Because of this, the man was cast out of the synagogue
  - **John 9:22 NIV**, “the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.”

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- Context is very important to understanding Scripture today
  - In **John 10**, Jesus is still addressing the Jewish leaders who are rejecting His claim of Messiah and being the true shepherd of Israel and for all who believe in His Name

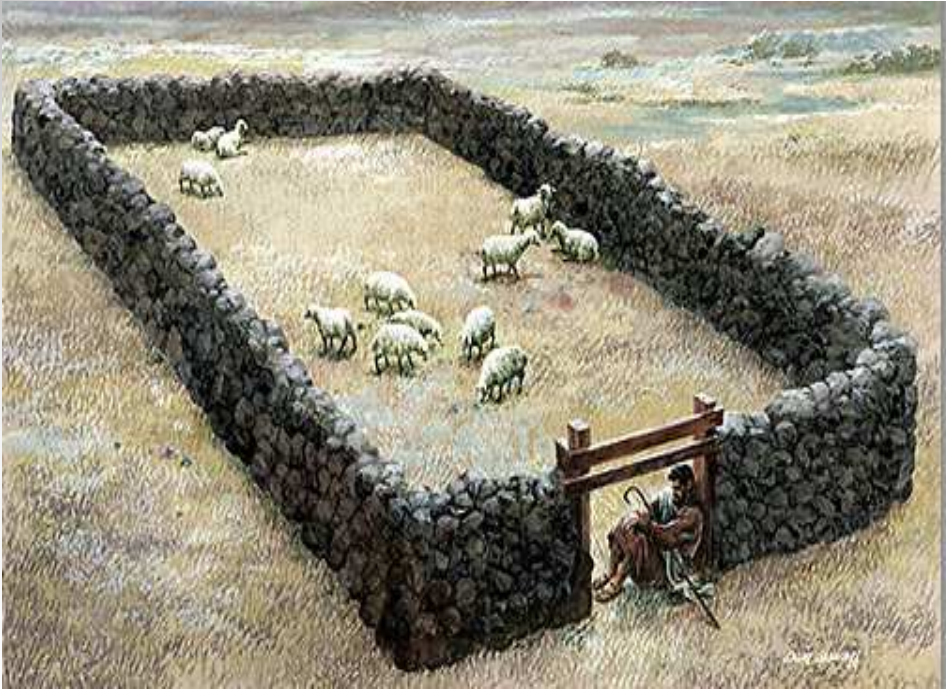


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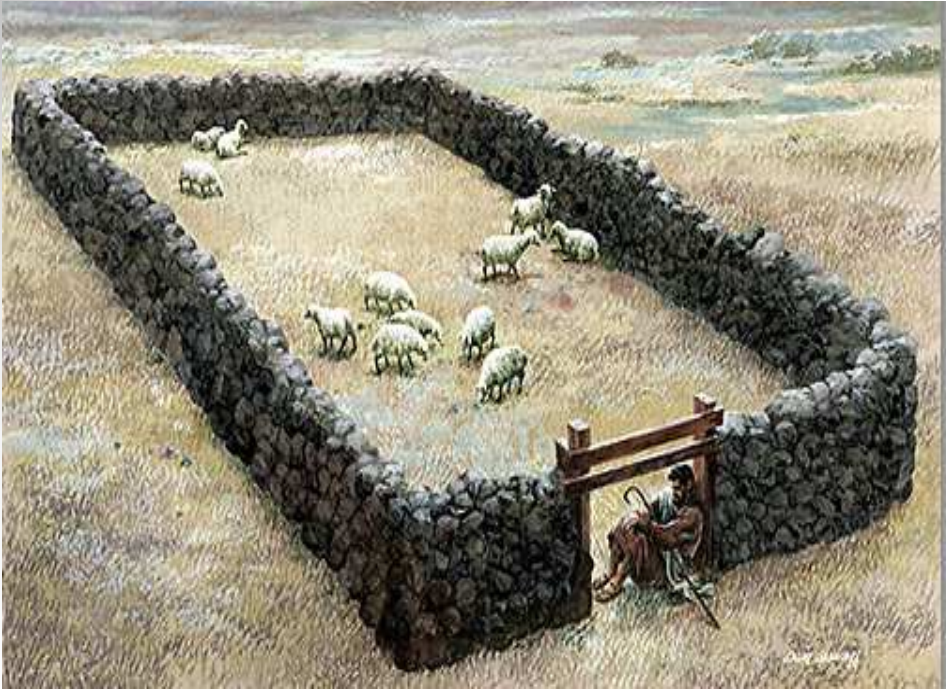
- **John 10:1-11 ESV**, “1 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door (*gate*) is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

## Scripture



- **John 10:1-11 ESV**, “4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.”

## Scripture



- **John 10:1-11 ESV**, “7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door (*gate*) of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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- Jesus states He alone has the authority to be the true shepherd of God's people
  - The question for you today is, *"Who have you given authority to be your shepherd?"*
  - Who are you going to or listening to for truth, or is it just yourself?
  - **John 18:37-38 ESV**, "37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

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- This entire shepherd teaching is a direct response to the Jewish leaders' mistreatment of one of Jesus' sheep, the blind man in **John 9**
  - Because of his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Jewish leaders declared this man no longer belonged to the flock of Israel
  - The Jewish leaders were declaring they had the authority because of the Law of Moses they claimed to be following and because of their position as spiritual leaders in Israel



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  - You can hear the religious leaders say
    - “We have the God given right to interpret The Law for you and to force you to believe and think and act in a certain way”
    - “We will tell you what to believe and you must follow it”
    - “Jesus is not the Messiah we were wanting so we have declared Him to be false”

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  - What door is Jesus talking about?
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    - **Matthew 11:2-3 ESV**, “2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?””

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    - **Matthew 11:4-6 ESV,** " 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

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- Jesus has already accused the Jewish leaders of following the desires of the devil
  - **John 8:44-45 ESV**, “44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.”
  - The will of the devil's process is in **John 10:10 ESV**, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”

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- These types of self-proclaimed leaders are still active today saying,
  - “God has appointed us as apostles and prophets to declare new truths to you”
  - “The Bible must be interpreted using current trends and understandings”
  - “If God is really love, then why....”
  - “All roads lead to God”, “You are being judgmental because all truth is relative”, “It's all a matter of interpretation”, “If you have enough faith God must give you what you want”

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- **John 16:13 ESV**, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. “
- **2nd Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**, “16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

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- Notice the word **“THE”** - Carries the idea of one or single or unique and no others
- Look what Jesus says about His sheep
  - **Vs. 14**, “I know my sheep”, deeply and intimately
    - “I know your hurts, cares, failures, dreams, heartaches, frustrations...”
  - **Jeremiah 31:3b ESV**, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”
    - **NIV**, “I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”



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- Hear the word of Jesus to you this morning
  - “I will teach My voice to you”
  - “I will go before you”
  - “I came so you can have a full and meaningful life”
  - “I laid down My life for you”
  - “I am your great High Priest standing in the gap”, **(Heb. 4:14-16)**

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- Hear the word of Jesus to you this morning
  - “I will present you faultless to the Father with great joy”
    - **Jude 1:24-25 ESV**, “24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

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- **Vs. 9 ESV**, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture (*blessings*).”
- Here was a blind man healed and realizing who Jesus is confessed his belief in Jesus as Messiah
  - He placed his trust in Jesus as the Messiah
  - Hear the Jewish Leaders say to him, “You are such a horrible sinner that we declared you are not a real Jew because of belief in Jesus”
  - This man is put “out of the synagogue”

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- With this blind man listening Jesus said, “Hey, wait a minute. Not only am I the legitimate Shepherd, I am also the door/gate into the family of God.”
- **John 14:6 ESV**, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (*accepted*) except through me.”
  - Jesus said, “I am the gateway into eternal life”
  - Not a pastor, denomination, religious movement only Jesus Christ

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- Jesus is also the gatekeeper protecting the sheep He is responsible for
  - **John 10:27-28 ESV**, “27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

## Good Shepherd

- Jesus is speaking specifically to the Nation of Israel because salvation is of or through the Jewish nation
  - **John 4:22 ESV**, “You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.”

## Good Shepherd

- **John 10:16 ESV**, “16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”
  - There is coming at time when there will no longer be the divisions within the church of Jesus Christ
  - There will be one voice proclaiming the praise and glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
  - And there only be one shepherd recognized as Lord
  - We know Him today as Jesus



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