

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

The Only Shepherd To Follow

John 10:1-15



1. *Jesus – identifies the **key to** entering the sheepfold.*
 - A. *The **door is not standing open**. Contrast v9:34-38*
 1. *Restricted area.*
 - B. *The **doorkeeper** controls access to the restricted area, the sheepfold. He grants the **shepherd** and his **sheep** access.*
 - C. *Doorkeeper keeps **false shepherds** (and their sheep) outside the sheepfold.*
 1. *Their sheep can't enter.*
 2. *No agreement with the Doorkeeper.*
 3. *No payment made.*
 4. *No space.*



*The door to the sheepfold is not standing open.
Access is restricted.*

- *Jn. 10:1-5 "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**.² "But he who enters by the **door** is a **shepherd** of the sheep.³ "**To him the doorkeeper opens**, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.⁴ "When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the **sheep follow him because they know his voice**.⁵ "And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." (NAS)*



2. Jesus' claim of right to the sheepfold is **exclusive and ongoing**.

A. Exclusive – rental paid, agreement made.

- Jn. 10:8 "**All who came before Me** are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.⁹ **I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved...**¹⁷ ... because I lay down my life for the sheep...¹⁸ **This commandment I have from My Father.**"
- **Rental paid.** V 9, 17
- **Authorization given.** V18. Resurrection.

B. Ongoing.

- Jn. 10:16 "And I have **other sheep**, which are not of this fold; **I must bring them also**, ...
 - OT; post-resurrection believers, Jews and Gentile.





3. *The Shepherd is all about relationship. It is personal to Him. He has paid the price for the sheep.*

A. *Jesus **finds** me. Jn 9:35; 6:44*

B. *He **saves me** bc He has paid the price for me. Jn 10:11, Acts 2:38.*

1. *I am born of the Spirit. John 3:*

2. *When my body stops working - death:*

- *He is the door **standing open** to heaven.*

C. *He **shepherds me.***

1. *Know My own and My own know me. V 14.*

2. *Protects from the wolf. V12-13*

3. *Eternal security. V 27-29*



Call to Action

1. *What keeps you from **being found** by Jesus? Are you ready to receive by faith the relationship He is offering to you? You can do that by receiving the gift of salvation He has purchased for you by His death on the cross. You must believe it and surrender your life to him as the shepherd of your life, and follow Him.*
2. *Is there an area of your life that the “wolf” has taken over? An area that is stealing the “green pasture” that Jesus offers us because He cares about us? Why not surrender that area to Jesus today? Come forward for prayer this morning and allow other believers to stand with you against the wolf.*



- *Who was “John”?*

- A. Apostle John –*

- *one of the 12 disciples of Jesus (not John the Baptist).*
- *Refers to himself as the “disciple whom Jesus loved”*

- B. Fisherman by trade –*

- *partner with his brother, James, his father, Zebedee, and Peter. (Mark 1:19-20),*

- C. Author of --*

- 1. “gospel” of John.*
- 2. 1, 2nd, 3rd John*
- 3. Revelation*

