

Late Judean Ministry—The Good Shepherd (November 32)

John 10:1–21

- 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.
- 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 ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- 5 A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”
- 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.
- 7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
- 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 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.
- 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.”
- 19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.
- 20 Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?”
- 21 Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

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