

Series: Simply Jesus
Title: The Good Shepherd
Text: (John 10:1-42)

(11/11/18)

Jesus Teaches Using a Parable: (Vs 6)

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

(Vs 1) *Explain how a Sheep fold works.*

A Thief: Came quietly. (Jude 1:4)

A Robber: Came with Violence (Jude 1:8)

Thus...

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

(Vs 2) **The Messiah was prophecies as a Shepherd.**

(Ezek 34:23)(Ezek 37:24)(Zech 13:7)

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

(Vs 3) *Explain how a Shepherd knows his sheep.*

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

(Vs 4-5) *Explain why the Sheep follow the Shepherd*

Do you know the voice of the shepherd?

Do you hear it in your quiet time in the Word?
Do you hear it in the sermons from this pulpit?
Do you follow it? (Matt 7:19-24a)

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

Jesus Explains the Parable:

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

(Vs 7-8) **He is not speaking of the prophets here.**

False Pastors and False Teachers.

He was not the 1st to proclaim Himself as Messiah.

Jesus declares them all Imposters.

Gamaliel's logic does also. (Acts 5:34-39)

(Vs 9a) *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,* (Jn 14:6) Salvation!

Only through Jesus do we enter His Flock.

(Vs 9b) *and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

Provision & Safety! (Ps 23)

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

(Vs 10a) *The Thief has no care for the sheep, except what they can get FOR them (Rustling) or FROM them. (Sheering/Meat)*

(Vs 10b) *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* (Jn 1:4)

Jesus Contrasts the 2 Shepherds:

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

(Spring 1948) Albert Barnes related a news story of how a shepherd was hacked to death by robbers that year, rather than fleeing, he stood his ground for his sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

A Hireling cares only for his own welfare, not of the health and welfare of the flock.

Or the Health and Welfare of the Owner.

Many times the Shepherd was the Owner.

Sometimes the Shepherd was an employee of the Owner.

An Employee can be a good shepherd, if he truly cares about the welfare of the Owner & His sheep more than himself.

I work for the Owner, not the Sheep.

Because I love the Owner, I give my life for the welfare of His Flock.

(1 Pet 5:1-5)

(1 Tim 5:1)

(2 Tim 4:1-2)

(Heb 13:7) Remember to pray for

(Heb 13:17) Obey Them

(Heb 13:24) Salute Them (expression of kindness)

(1 Thes 5:12-13) Esteem/Respect

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

(Vs 14) A good shepherd knows their needs, wants, & hurts.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

(Matt 11:27)(Luke 10:22)

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

(Vs 16) Jesus refers to the Gentiles.

Illus: Some claim this to be the verse that proves their is life on other planets

This is Not the Church, but the Family of God!

(Is 53:11) Gospel would be preached to the gentiles.

(Eph 2:12-17) (Rom 10:12)

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

(Vs 17) The Father was pleased that the Son willingly gave His life to fulfill the Father's will.
(Phil 2:5-11)

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

(Vs 18) Jesus Voluntarily Gave Himself for us!

19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. 20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

(Vs 19-21) The Goal of the Gospel was not unity, but a choice!

We cannot abandon the Bible for the sake of unity or harmony with non believers.

We do not serve the Same God as Mormonism/Islam.

Jesus is not a manifestation of the Buddha.

There is only 1 God,

All others are devils (fallen Angels) posing as gods.

3 Months have now passed

3 Months until Calvary

22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

(Vs 22) The Feast of Renewing.

Not in the OT Teaching

400 yeas of silence, a lot of history happened.

Alexander the Great conquered Persia.

Alexander died, the world was divided into 4 kingdoms by his 4 generals.

Antiochus Epiphanies conquered Jerusalem 167BC.

Slew 40K jews. Sold 40K into Slavery.

1st persecution of Israel b/c of Religion.

He tried to stamp out Judaism.

He sacrificed a Sow on the Altar. (Dec 25th)

He sprinkled all of the temple with pig broth.

He burned every copy of the OT he could find.

Mattathias Macabees, Devout Priest resisted.

His 3rd son, Judas Macabees organized a resistance.

Retook Jerusalem, cleansed the temple Dec 25, 163bc

They filled the temple with candle light.

The lighting of the Menorah - (Hanukkah).

1&2 Macabees recount the story, not in the cannon.

Illus: cults use this argument to cause doubt about the accuracy of the bible.

1st: The Bible is not all that was written at the time.

2nd: The Bible is NOT, NOR claims to be a complete record of Jewish history.

Just cause its not in the bible doesn't mean its wrong.

Its just not what God wanted.

BUT: (Is 8:20) The Bible is still the standard of truth to measure other writing by.

Why didn't God preserve the Letter's to the Laodaceans that Paul mentioned he wrote?

B/c not everything Paul wrote was inspired Scripture?

What if we had an Applebees receipt with Paul's signature. Does that make it scripture?

What if we had Peter's grocery list, does that make it scripture? NO.

We have what God wanted us to have.

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23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and

said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and *my* Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, 40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first

baptized; and there he abode. 41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. 42 And many believed on him there.