



John 10:1-10

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"I AM THE DOOR"

Introduction:

The metaphor:

- to act as a point of entry
- to maintain privacy and safety inside
- to provide lighting and ventilation
- to maintain heating or cooling
- to act as a noise barrier

The application:

I. JESUS IS THE DEFENDER OF THE SHEEP (10:1-6)

A. He knows and cares for His sheep. (vs. 1-2)

“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”

“But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.”

B. He is known by His sheep. (vs. 3-4)

“to him the doorkeeper opens”

“and the sheep hear his voice”

“he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out”

“when he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them”

“and the sheep follow him because they know his voice”



A typical sheepfold in Israel

C. His sheep will gladly follow Him. (vs. 5)

“a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him”

“because they do not know the voice of strangers”

The Enigma (vs. 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”

Jeremiah 23:1-4 (c.f. Ezekiel 34; Zechariah 11)

II. JESUS IS THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP (10:7-10)

A. He guards His sheep from danger. (vs. 7-8)

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you...’”

“I am the door of the sheep.”

“All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.”

B. He provides for the needs of His sheep. (vs. 9-10)

“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved...”

“...and will go in and out and find pasture.”

“the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy”

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

C. He genuinely cares for His sheep. (next week!)

Conclusion:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Food for Thought:

- 1) How is Jesus like a door into the sheepfold?
- 2) Who might Jesus call thieves today? Why?
- 3) Warning about false teachers and refuting their teaching is a main job for pastors (Titus 1:9) but many Christians don't like this and few pastors do it. How can this be corrected?
- 4) How would your awareness of Jesus' personal care for you affect how you deal with your current or future trials?