

# Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

[John 10:1-42](#)

"Jesus the Good Shepherd" – August 22, 2021



## Introduction

God did not create to get joy, but to give infinite joy. However, our rebellion leads to a spiritual blindness. Where do you look for life? We often search for the life we were made for in our kids, our jobs, being appreciated, but these things lead to death. How can we find life? Follow the voice of the good shepherd.

## Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

## Sermon Outline

- 1) Follow the voice of the good shepherd. ([10:1-18](#))
- 2) Remember your shepherd is God. ([10:19-42](#))

## Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [10:1-18](#)

The sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. If a person is a sheep that belongs to Jesus, Good Shepherd, they will hear His voice and follow Him. If you are a Christian and have turned from your sins by listening to His voice praise God today. Take time to praise God that He called you and made you His own. Jesus came to give fullness of life. Do you want fullness of life? Then follow Jesus. What does Jesus mean by claiming to be the "door"? Jesus is saying He is your access for salvation. Being saved is more than just gaining safety though. Jesus says we come through door for pasture or provision as well. The life we were made for will never be found outside of Him.

Jesus also gives warning about thieves and robbers who jump the walls of the sheepfold. How can we identify a thief and a robber? They will offer a way for life and safety and joy outside or in addition to Jesus. They direct you away from the sufficiency of Christ. Jesus alone is the door that brings us out of darkness into light. What is it that makes Jesus unique so that only He alone can save you? He died as a substitutionary atonement for us. This good shepherd knows and loves his sheep just as the Father knows and loves Jesus (perfectly). Do you believe God loves you and knows YOU by name? This is a personal relationship. He loves you like His Son. How does God show his love? He shows His love by dying for you. Are you doubting God's love lately? Do you feel cold hearted or bitter by the difficulties of the world? Let His words correct our wrong thinking today. God doesn't reluctantly love you. He willingly laid down His life and took it up again for you. He loves us not because we deserve it, but because He chooses too. He willingly loves you. Knowing this sort of love should produce the greatest humility in us possible. Is your everyday life marked by humility?

The Christian story also provides a way for unity. Jesus fulfilled his promise in verse 16. He has multiplied and unified different groups of people as one flock under one shepherd and He

will continue to do so until He comes again. He graciously invites us into this work of evangelizing and unifying. Are you evangelizing church? Are you promoting unity in the body of Christ – His church? Jesus calls us to go, because He has sheep out there who need to hear His voice. We are called to bring this message to others. We are not bound together by opinions on current events, but we are unified in Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the one who brings us together. It's hard, but we do this by His help. Jesus doesn't just give us access but he gives us help and church, our helper is alive.

Additional Reading: [John 14:6](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [Ephesians 2](#)

2) Read [10:19-42](#)

Do you feel doubt creeping in? Jesus lets us know He and the Father are one. He wants us to have assurance in His authority and power to make the promises that He makes. Christian, you can be certain you will make it to the end. We know this because Jesus says this (vs. 28). When will Jesus let His sheep perish? Never! Who can snatch you out of His hand? No one! What if there is something big, we can't expect or see coming? He says my Father is greater than all! The Scottish pastor Robert Murray McCheyne reminds us, "For every look at yourself take 10 looks at Christ". Where are you looking for hope? He is our hope. He has all authority. Notice Jesus' patience even with those who are challenging Him in John 10. He patiently invites His enemies to hear His voice. Read Psalm 23 this week and reflect on the Lord's kindness to us. Even though times may be difficult, he promises to be with us.

Additional Reading: [Psalm 23](#)

### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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<b>*Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">John 11:1-54</a> " <b>Authority to Raise the Dead</b> "
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