

The Good Shepherd

August 24, 2025 | John 10:1-18



Observation: What is happening here?

Context: After healing the blind man (John 9), Jesus *exposes* false shepherds. This is directly connected with what we find in **Ezekiel 34**: It's a contrast and comparison of true shepherd's care with the negligence of thieves & hired hands.

Parabolic Outline (vv 1–18):

- **V1–6:** The Sheepfold and the gatekeeper. The sheep hear and follow the Shepherd. Strangers on the other hand, are rejected.
- **V7–10:** Jesus declares, "*I am the Door*". There is a comparison with destructive thieves. The shepherd offers pasture (Life, Safety, and Security)
- **V11–18:** The Good Shepherd and the Hired Hand.
 - The Good Shepherd dies for the sheep. | See *Hebrews 13:20-21*
 - One flock, One Shepherd. | See *Ephesians 4:4-6*

Lexical (Words to consider):

thyroōros (G2377): gatekeeper (one who protects); *a porter* | See *Mark 13:34*

paroimia (G3942): figure of speech (a **parable** or proverb) | See *John 16:25, 29*

kalos poimēn: noble "good" shepherd. | Consider *Psalms 23*

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John 6:47 (ESV) "*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life*"

Interpretation: What can we learn?

Jesus is the Door and the True Shepherd:

- He alone grants access to salvation and abundant life.
- **Scripture:** *John 10:7–9; John 10:10–11; Psalm 23:1–3; Ezekiel 34:11–16; Isaiah 40:11.*

The Good Shepherd Sacrificially Cares:

- He willingly lays down His life for the sheep and takes it up again.
- **Scripture:** *John 10:11, 15, 17–18; Isaiah 53:4–6; Hebrews 13:20.*

One Flock under One Shepherd:

- He gathers Jews and Gentiles into a single family.
- **Scripture:** *John 10:16; Ezekiel 34:23–24; Ephesians 2:14–16; Ephesians 4:4–6; Revelation 7:9–10.*

Application: How should we live?

Enter through the Door:

- Trust His death and resurrection; stop climbing walls.
- **Scripture:** *John 10:9–10; Romans 10:9–10; Acts 4:12; Matthew 7:13–14; Luke 13:24.*

Follow the Shepherd's Voice:

- Practice discernment; flee the voices of strangers.
- **Scripture:** *John 10:3–5, 27; Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 5:14.*

Shepherd the People, Guard the Door:

- Care for those entrusted to you; welcome Christ and His sheep; close the gate to wolves.
- **Scripture:** *Acts 20:28–29; 1 Peter 5:2–4; Titus 1:9–11.*