

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we differentiate between the true shepherd and the hireling?
2. How is Jesus likened to a door?
3. What are some characteristics of Jesus that are the same as a shepherd of sheep?
4. What does Jesus say the Father commanded him to do?

### SUMMARY:

Communicating thoughts to others so that they could understand was a problem in Jesus' day as it is today. To help people understand His messages Jesus often used parables. When using the parable of the sheepfold, Jesus attempted to help people understand His mission in this world.

As the Door to the sheepfold, He is the way of entry to the Kingdom of God and as the Shepherd, He lovingly protects and cares for His own. As a Good Shepherd, He was willing to lay down His life for His sheep, knowing that His sacrificial death was necessary to qualify Him to become the Door. By His death then, He became the Door and by His resurrection He became the Good Shepherd so that His sheep might have life in all its fullness.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

March 8, 2026

First Quarter

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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**LESSON TEXT:** John 10:1-30

**LESSON SETTING:** In the vicinity of Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 32 A.D.

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#### **I. THE DOOR OF THE SHEEPFOLD.** John 10:1-2

- A. Christ the Way. John 3:16; Hebrews 10:20
- B. Christ the Only Way. John 14:6; Acts 4:12

#### **II. THE MINISTRY OF THE SHEPHERD.** John 10:3-10

- A. Christ Leads His Sheep (vs. 4) Psalm 23:2; John 16:13
- B. His Sheep Follow Him (vs. 4) John 8:12; 1 Peter 2:21
- C. Christ Saves His Sheep (vs. 9) Matthew 1:21; 18:11-13
- D. Christ Feeds His Sheep (vs. 9) John 6:32-35, 48-51
- E. Christ Gives Abundantly (vs. 10) 2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:19

#### **III. THE LOVE OF THE SHEPHERD.** John 10:11-30

- A. Christ Willing to Give His Life (vs. 11) John 15:13; Galatians 1:4
- B. Christ Knows His Sheep (vs. 14) Nahum 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:19
- C. Christ Must Bring Other Sheep (vs. 16) Hosea 2:23; Ephesians 3:6
- D. Christ Gives Eternal Life (vs. 28) John 5:24; 6:27
- E. Christ Keeps His Sheep (vs. 28) John 6:37; 2 Timothy 4:18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.* John 10:11

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** John 11:1-46

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Kings 17:17-24

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of God

**TOPIC:** THE GIVER OF LIFE

**INTRODUCTION:**

Many of us have wished for a miracle when we see our loved ones slipping into eternity. We would desire to have them back again even as Mary and Martha received Lazarus. But if we did receive them again, this miracle could not compare to being in everlasting life with them in heaven. Receiving loved ones again here on earth would last only for a finite time; being received in everlasting habitations would be forever.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Not the rising again to an earthly life but the resurrection to a heavenly life which is the permanent life, the real life, the sublime life, the complete and full life. It cannot be compared to this earthly life in its fullness.

But to have this life, we must give our earthly life to our Lord and Savior. We must repent of our sin, turn to God and in faith accept Christ as our Savior. He comes to live in our hearts, which in itself is also a miracle, the most precious of all miracles, to become a child of God.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Because Jesus is the resurrection and the life, He gives spiritual life, and physical life has new meaning.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE.*  
John 11:25

It was God's perfect will when He created man that man should live and not die. But man disobeyed God and the sentence of death passed to all men. God sent man from His presence so that it might be impossible for man to partake of the tree of life and live forever. (Genesis 3:22) Man's certain destiny of death is reaffirmed many times in God's word. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:20)

Jesus was the first man, born of woman, who had immortality in Himself. "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto." (1 Timothy 6:16) Jesus was willing to offer Himself in our stead, that all who believe and accept eternal life through Him might live. But He also foretold only death to all who reject His salvation. "Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28) The power of the resurrection is so great that both good and evil will be resurrected, but after judgment all that is evil will be destroyed. This is the second death. (Revelation 20:14; 21:8)

May we accept in faith, the gift of salvation from Him who is the "resurrection and the life."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 9 – 15**

Mon. \*Notification of Lazarus' Sickness. John 11:1-10  
Tue. \*Declaration of Lazarus' Death. John 11:11-19  
Wed. \*Proclamation of Christ, the Resurrection. John 11:20-30  
Thu. \*Weeping in the Presence of Death. John 11:31-40  
Fri. \*Victory in Lazarus' Resurrection. John 11:41-46  
Sat. Christ's Death Plotted. John 11:47-57  
Sun. Eternal Life, the Christian's Reward. Romans 6:16-23

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