

Gospel of John Chapter 10

Memory verse: **John 8:24**

²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."

John 10(ESV)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

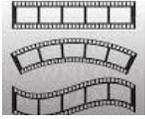
¹⁹There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.²⁰ Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" ²¹Others said,

“These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” ³³The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” ⁴²And many believed in him there.



Scene it

1. **Summary** of Events: Write down what happened in each scene of this chapter and how it relates to the theme of the book.

Scene	Passage	Location	Characters	What Happened?
28 continued	10:1-21			
29				
30				

2. It is important to notice recurring themes throughout a literary work. This is not different for Biblical narratives. The author is developing themes and motifs throughout this gospel. What information is revealed about the *signs* which Jesus performed and about *belief*?

Signs/ (The Works):

Believe (any form of the word):

3. Do you learn anything about **God the Father** or the **Holy Spirit** in this chapter? Write it below.

4. What do you observe about our Lord, **Jesus Christ**?

a. What do you learn about His *character*?

Who is the **shepherd** and what is characteristic of him?

10: 11 _____

10: 12 _____

10: 14 _____

10: 16 _____

10: 28 _____

b. How does he interact with *people*?

c. How does Jesus conduct *ministry*? As a good shepherd he warns the people about the “thieves and robbers” of the pasture in John 10:9-18. What does Jesus say about them?

d. What *names/titles* of Jesus are mentioned, if any?

e. What "I AM" statements does Jesus make about Himself?

I AM the _____ (vss.)

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GROWING IN RESPECT TO SALVATION

5. What did you learn as a result of spending time in John 10? What do you learn about being a disciple of Christ in this Chapter? Who are the sheep and what is characteristic of them? How will you apply this?

10:4 _____

10:5 _____

10:9 _____

10:14 _____

10:16 _____

10:26 _____

10:27 _____

10:28 _____

10:29 _____

6. Write the following verses below or on the back of your paper:

John 20:30-31

John 3:35-36

John 6:35

John 8:24



7. Create an artistic expression of this chapter (ie. prayer, poem, picture, acrostic, etc.).

8. **Optional Question:** Jesus says something strange to the Jews beginning in John 10:34. He said,

“Is it not written in your [emphasis added] Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶ do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

Read Psalm 82. Why do you think Jesus quoted this Psalm to the Pharisees?

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
²“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*
³Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
⁴Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶I said, “You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
⁷nevertheless, like men you shall die,
and fall like any prince.”
⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for you shall inherit all the nations!