

# John 10

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## **I Am the Good Shepherd**

<sup>1</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

<sup>2</sup> But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

<sup>3</sup> To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

<sup>4</sup> And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

<sup>5</sup> And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

<sup>6</sup> This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

<sup>7</sup> Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

<sup>8</sup> All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

<sup>9</sup> I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

**12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

**13** The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

**14** I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

**15** As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**16** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

**17** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

**18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**19** There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

**20** And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

**21** Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

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### **I and the Father Are One**

**22** And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

**23** And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

**24** Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

**25** Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

**26** But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Baptize** — βαπτίζω (Baptizo)

To baptize, immerse

The Greek **baptizo** (βαπτίζω) means to dip, immerse, or baptize. Christian baptism symbolizes identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

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### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

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### **Eternal** — αἰώνιος (Aiōnios)

Eternal, everlasting

The Greek **aiōnios** (αἰώνιος) denotes eternal or everlasting—unending duration. Believers possess 'eternal life' (John 3:16) now and will dwell with God eternally, while the impenitent face 'eternal punishment' (Matthew 25:46).

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### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### **Law** — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

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### **Love** — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

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### **Save** — σῶζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σῶζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

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### **Word** — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 23:32; Matthew 7:15; Romans 10:15; 16:18; Hebrews 5:4; 1 Peter 1:10; 2 Peter 2:1; 2:3; 1 John 4:1

**John 10:2    Parallel theme:** John 10:14; Psalms 23:1; 80:1; Ecclesiastes 12:11; Isaiah 40:11; Zechariah 11:5; 11:8; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 5:4

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**Parallel theme:** John 6:45; 10:4; 10:14; 10:16; Exodus 33:17; Isaiah 42:16; Romans 8:30; 2 Timothy 2:19; Revelation 3:20; 7:17

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**Parallel theme:** John 10:8; 10:16; 12:26; 18:37; Deuteronomy 1:30; Matthew 16:24; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 2:21; 5:3

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**Parallel theme:** John 6:37; 10:11; 10:27; 11:52; Isaiah 56:8; Ezekiel 34:23; 37:24; 1 Peter 2:10; 2:25; Revelation 3:20

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**John 10:19** **Parallel theme:** John 9:16; Acts 14:4; 1 Corinthians 3:3

**John 10:20** **Parallel theme:** Mark 3:21. **Evil:** John 7:20; 8:52

## **John 10:21**

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**John 10:23** **Parallel theme:** Acts 3:11; 5:12

**John 10:24** **Parallel theme:** John 1:19; 8:25; 8:53; Matthew 11:3

**John 10:25** **Faith:** John 10:38; 14:11. **References Jesus:** John 8:58

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