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# [**John 10:1-21**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2010.1-21)**– The Good Shepherd**

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-1.htm)“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not **enter** by the **door** into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a **thief** and a **robber**. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-2.htm)“But he who **enters** by the **door** is a **shepherd** of the sheep. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-3.htm)“To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-4.htm)“When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-5.htm)“A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-6.htm)This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-7.htm)So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the **door** of the sheep. [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-8.htm)“All who came before Me are **thieves** and **robbers**, but the sheep did not hear them. [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-9.htm)“I am the **door**; if anyone **enters** through Me, he will be saved, and will **go in [enters]** and out and find pasture. [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-10.htm)“The **thief** comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* **abundantly**.

[**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-11.htm)“I am the good **shepherd**; the good **shepherd** lays down His life for the sheep. [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-12.htm)“He who is a hired hand, and not a **shepherd**, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them.* [**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-13.htm)“*He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-14.htm)“I am the good **shepherd**, and I know My own and My own know Me, [**15**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-15.htm)even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. [**16**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-16.htm)“I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one **shepherd**. [**17**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-17.htm)“For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. [**18**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-18.htm)“No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.” [**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-19.htm)A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. [**20**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-20.htm)Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?” [**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/10-21.htm)Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

**Interesting Words**

##### ****thief****

(κλέπτης Greek) – kleptés [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/2812.htm)a thief who steals by stealth (in secret), rather than in the open with violence – [Matt 6:19-20](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%206.19-20); [Luke 12:39-40](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%2012.39-40); [1Thes 5:4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20Thess%205.4);

##### ****robber****

(λῃστής Greek) – léstés [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/3027.htm)thief (“robber”), stealing out in the open (typically with violence), one who plunder or pillages – an unscrupulous marauder (malefactor), exploiting the vulnerable without hesitating to use violence. – [Matt 21:13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%2021.13); [Luke 10:30](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%2010.30);

##### ****shepherd****

(ποιμήν Greek) – poimén[►](https://biblehub.com/greek/4166.htm) a feeder, protector, and ruler of a flock, shepherd (“pastor” in Latin); (figuratively) someone who the Lord raises up to care for the total well-being of His flock (the people of the Lord). – [Matt 9:36](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%209.36); [Matt 25:32](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%2025.32); [Mark 6:34](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Mark%206.34); [Heb 13:20](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%2013.20);

##### ****door****

(θύρα Greek) – thura [**►**](https://biblehub.com/greek/2374.htm) door, opportunity, entrance, gate – [Matt 24:33](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%2024.33); [Luke 13:24](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%2013.24); [Rev 3:20](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rev%203.20);

##### ****enters****

(εἰσέρχομαι Greek) – eiserchomai [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/1525.htm) go in, come in, enter, aorist subjunctive [point in time, hypothetical] – [Acts 14:22](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Acts%2014.22); [Heb 4:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%204.1), [10-11](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%204.10-11); [Heb 6:19](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%206.19), [9:24](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Heb%209.24);

##### ****abundantly****

(περισσός Greek) – perissos [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/4053.htm) (adverb) more, greater, excessive, abundant, exceedingly, vehemently, (from perí, “all-around, excess”) – properly all-around, “more than” (“abundantly”) – [Eph 3:20](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Eph%203.20) (prefaced with huper, exceedingly);

**Cross References**

▪︎ [John 14:6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2014.6) – Jesus is the way.  
▪︎ [Phil 2:20-21](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Phil%202.20-21) – Good shepherds care about the sheep.  
▪︎ [Acts 20:28](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Acts%2020.28), [29-30](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Acts%2020.29-30) – Wolves come into the flock as disguised shepherds.

**Discussion Questions**

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###### 1. ****What impact do thieves and robbers have on the church today?****

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###### 2****. Multiple shepherds vs. the Good Shepherd, why the redundancy?****

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###### 3. ****What are the characteristics of the Good Shepherd?****

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###### 4. ****Why are false shepherds so dangerous?****

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###### 5.****What is the significance of the aorist subjunctive parsing of the verb “enter” in****[John 10:9](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2010.9)****?****

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###### 6.****What is the difference between the Prosperity Gospel and the meaning of****[John 10:10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2010.10)****?****

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###### 7.****Why do hired hands abandon the sheep in****[John 10:12-13](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2010.12-13)****? Compare to****[Phil 2:20-21](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Phil%202.20-21)****.****

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###### 8.****What do the last several verses tell you about our relationship with Christ?****

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