

# The Talmid



Talmid תלמיד a Hebrew word that means "a true disciple who desires to be what the Rabbi Jesus" is."

*Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. 1 John 2:6 (NIV)*

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DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

## THE REVELATION OF JESUS, THE SHEPHERD OF LIFE

John 10:1-42

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### **B. The Door of the Sheep: The Only Way To God, John 10:7-10**

**(John 10:7-10) Introduction— Jesus— Door:** Jesus claims to be the Door of the sheep.

Jesus is probably referring to the door of a community sheepfold or a community pasture which housed all the flocks of an area. There is, however, another descriptive picture of Jesus as the door. When the sheep were kept out in the hill country overnight, they were kept in ravines surrounded by several rocky walls. Naturally, the opening into these ravines had no door at all. The shepherd himself literally became the door, for during the night he would simply lie across the opening. The sheep could get out only by going over him, and the enemies of the sheep could get in to the sheep only by going through him. Access in or out was only through the shepherd.

**Jesus is the only door of the sheep (v.7-8).**

**Jesus is the only door that leads to salvation (v.9).**

**Jesus is the only door that leads to abundant life (v.10).**

### **1. (John 10:7-8) Salvation— Door— Mediator: Jesus is the only Door of the sheep.**

Note the words "verily, verily"; they stress the critical importance of what Jesus was about to say. By "door" Jesus meant He is the way or entrance into the sheepfold.

**Jesus Christ is the way.....**  
into God's presence  
into God's acceptance  
into salvation  
into the true church  
into heaven  
into the Kingdom of God  
into eternal life

Therefore, if a man wishes to enter where God is, he must enter the Door of Christ. A man enters God's sheepfold only through the Door of Christ, for Christ is the **only** Door into God's presence.

**"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).**

**"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephes. 2:18).**

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).

"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises" (Hebrews 8:6; cp. Hebrews 12:24).

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament" (Hebrews 9:15).

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Hebrews 9:24).  
"[Christ] is a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us" (Hebrews 10:20).

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1).

**Note:** Jesus used the clear claim to deity: "I Am." This gives additional stress to His claim to be the *only Door* to God.

**Now note two points.**

1) All others who claim to be the door are thieves and robbers. There are some who claim to be the door and to have the way to God. They claim to know the right way and to have the newest ideas and the latest truth and knowledge. They claim to have the right teaching, religion, works, maturity, philosophy, psychology, ideas, and novel concepts. They claim to be the door that opens into God's presence. But Jesus says that they are thieves and robbers. They are out to steal the sheep, both their wool (possessions) and their lives (loyalty). They want both their wool and their lives, for if they have both they have the sheep's *permanent loyalty*.

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife" (Phil. 1:15).

"For from the least of them even unto the

greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely" (Jeremiah 6:13).

"And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 23:4).

"But if the watchman see the sword [enemy] come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand" (Ezekiel 33:6).

"The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us" (Micah 3:11).

2) The proof that Jesus is the only Door and that all others are false doors is the sheep themselves. The sheep do not hear the voices of false *doors*, not if they are the real sheep of the Shepherd. The real sheep of God know the Shepherd's voice and have the ability to discern it. If they hear the voice of a false shepherd, they know that he and his sheepfold are false. His voice and message are not the voice and message of the true door, the Son of God Himself.

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine" (John 10:14).

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28).

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God....But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:12, 14).

## **2. (John 10:9) Salvation— Pasture— Nourishment: Jesus is the only door that leads to salvation.**

Jesus said that He is the Door that leads **to three great things**.

1) Jesus is the only door that opens to salvation.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (**Acts 4:12**).

"But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they" (**Acts 15:11**).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (**John 3:16-17**).

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (**Romans 5:9**).

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (**1 Thes. 5:9**).

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (**1 Tim. 2:3-6**).

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (**Hebrews 5:9**).

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (**Hebrews 9:28**).

2) Jesus is the only door that opens to peace and security. He is the only door that allows the sheep to *go in and out*. This was a common Jewish phrase. If a man could "go in and out" without difficulty or danger, it meant he was *safe and secure*. Jesus brings to the believer safety and security, peace and tranquility.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (**John 14:26**).

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are" (**John 17:11**).

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (**John 16:33**).

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (**Phil. 1:6**).

"But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil" (**2 Thes. 3:3**).

"I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (**2 Tim. 1:12**).

"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever" (**2 Tim. 4:18**).

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (**1 Peter 1:5**).

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (**Jude 24**).  
"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience,

I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Genesis 28:15).

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

"Behold, he that keepeth Israel [His people] shall neither slumber nor sleep" (Psalm 121:4).

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).

"And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs [old age] will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you" (Isaiah 46:4).

"In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old" (Isaiah 63:9).

3) Jesus is the only door that opens to healthy and lasting nourishment. He is the only door that leads to the true pasture, the pasture that has the living stream flowing through it and the pasture that has the living food in it.

a. His pasture alone can satisfy the soul.

"For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9).

"And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like

a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isaiah 58:11).

b. His pasture alone can restore the soul.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:2-3).

c. His pasture alone can give life and give it forever.

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

d. His pasture alone can feed with knowledge and understanding.

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15).

### 3. (John 10:10) Jesus Christ, the Door: Jesus is the only door that leads to abundant life.

This is a sharp contrast between the thief and Christ.

A. The person who says there is another door is a thief and a robber. The person steals and kills and destroys the sheep. The thief misleads and deceives the sheep, leading them through a door that leads to destruction.

There are some who definitely want the wool and life of the sheep (false and liberal religions and false philosophies). They want the sheep to follow them and their position, **so they do all they can to secure the sheep's .....**

loyalty  
allegiance  
possessions  
time  
effort  
energy  
recognition

praise  
honor

By leading the sheep away from the *restrictiveness* of Christ, the false teacher becomes a thief—a thief in that he steals the soul of the sheep from God and leads it into a sheepfold that will be destroyed. It causes the sheep never to know the true Shepherd.

**B.** Jesus came not to steal life, but to give abundant life (**See Deeper Study #5—John 10:10**)

### **C. The Good Shepherd: Jesus, the True Savior of the World, John 10:11-21**

**(John 10:11-21) Introduction:** Jesus Christ claimed to be "the Good Shepherd." He is not a bad or a false shepherd.

**The meaning of "Good Shepherd" (v.11-13).**

**The proof that Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" (v.14-16).**

**The final proof is the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus (v.17-18).**

**The reaction to Jesus' claim (v.19-21).**

#### **DEEPER STUDY #5 (John 10:10)**

**(John 10:10) Jesus Christ, Purpose— Life:** life is one of the great words of the Scriptures. The word "life" (*zoe*) and the verb "to live" or "to have life" (*zen*) have a depth of meaning

1. Life is the energy, the force, the power of being.
2. Life is the opposite of perishing. It is deliverance from condemnation and death. It is the stopping or cessation of deterioration, decay, and corruption (**John 3:16; John 5:24, 29; John 10:28**).
3. Life is eternal (*aiionios*). It is forever. It is the very life of God Himself (**John 17:3**). However, eternal life does not refer just to duration. Living forever would be a curse for some persons. The idea of eternal life is also quality, a certain kind of life, a life that consistently knows love, joy, peace, power, and responsibility (**John 10:10**).

4. Life is satisfaction (**John 6:35**).

5. Life is security and enjoyment (**John 10:10**).

6. Life is found only in God. God is the source and author of life, and it is God who has appointed Jesus Christ to bring life to man. Jesus Christ gives the very life of God Himself (**John 5:26; John 6:27, 40; John 10:28; John 17:23**).

7. Life has now been revealed. It has been unveiled and is clearly seen in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ shows man what life is (**John 1:4-5; John 5:26; 1 John 1:2**).

8. Life only comes to a man by believing in Jesus Christ. A man outside Jesus Christ only exists. He merely has the existence of an animal. Real life is found only in God. This is to be expected and it is logically true, for God is the creator of life. As the creator of life, He alone knows what life really is and what it is supposed to be (**John 3:36; John 5:24; John 6:47**). This is the reason He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world: to show men what life is. When a person looks at Jesus Christ, he sees exactly what life is, exactly what it involves (**Galatians 5:22-23**):

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. love                            | 5. gentleness |
| 2. joy                             | 6. meekness   |
| 3. peace                           | 7. goodness   |
| 4. longsuffering                   | 8. faith      |
| 9. temperance or control and power |               |

**The final proof is the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus (v.17-18).**

**The reaction to Jesus' claim (v.19-21).**

#### **DEEPER STUDY #6 (John 10:11-21)** **Jesus, The Shepherd— God, the Shepherd .**

**(John 10:11-21) Jesus, The Shepherd— God, the Shepherd:** God foretold that He would send a Shepherd to save and to take care of His people.

**"Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before**

him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" ([Isaiah 40:10-11](#)).

"Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David [the Messiah]; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd" ([Ezekiel 34:22-23](#)).

"I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them" ([Ezekiel 37:23-24](#)).

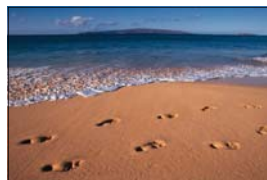
"And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land" ([Zech. 9:16](#)).

### Jesus' work as the Shepherd is fourfold.

1. Jesus Christ is the *Good Shepherd*. He is called "good" because He risks and sacrifices His life for the sheep ([John 10:11, 15](#); cp. [Psalm 22](#)).
2. Jesus Christ is the *Great Shepherd*. He is called "great" because He arose from the dead, and He perfects the sheep ([Hebrews 13:20-21](#)).
3. Jesus Christ is the *Shepherd and Bishop* of our souls. He is called the "shepherd and bishop" because He welcomes those who wandered off and went astray ([1 Peter 2:25](#)).
4. Jesus Christ is the *Chief Shepherd*. He is called "chief" because He is to appear and return to earth with great glory and reward the faithful ([1 Peter 5:4](#)).

Note: God also is called a Shepherd in Scripture ([Genesis 48:15](#); [Psalm 23:1](#); [Psalm 77:20](#); [Psalm 80:1](#); [Isaiah 40:11](#); [Ezekiel 34:11-31](#)).

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