

I am the Door and the Good Shepherd **John 10:1-18**

Why did Jesus choose here to refer to us as sheep?

Note the religious leaders' response to the healing of the blind man in ch.9, cf.10:21. See Ezek. 34, Isa. 56:11, Jer. 23:1 for background.

We must realize we are like sheep (Ps. 23, 95:7, 100:3) that need a shepherd. God's answer = Mic. 5:4, Matt. 2:6, Isa. 40:11, Ezek. 34:11.

How is Jesus like a door and a good shepherd to us?

1-6 Like a legitimate shepherd, He enters the proper way and calls us, and we answer Him. See 10:3,4,5,16,27.

7-10 Like a door that sheep pass through to find pasture, so too we must go through Him to find fullness of life (*eternal life*, v. 28).

11-18 Like a good shepherd, He sacrifices His life for His sheep, Heb. 13:20, I Pt. 2:24,25, Matt. 26:31. This is a prediction, as is the statement about bringing in other sheep.

How must I view Jesus' claim and what it says about me?

Jesus = *Chief Shepherd*, but elders are to help shepherd the flock, I Pt. 5:2-4, Jn. 21:16-18, Acts 20:28-30, Heb. 13:17. Sheep and shepherds have a responsibility.

