

JESUS IS THE ONE
WHO CARES

John 10

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

- How do we hear God's voice?
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and those who know His voice are His sheep.
- We hear God's voice through His Word. But we also can hear His voice by listening to His leading in our daily lives through our prayers.
- We should commit to Him and trust that He is good.

**COMMIT TO HIM AND
KNOW THAT HE IS GOOD**

SHEEP IN PALESTINE

- Even today in Palestine you can witness what happened in the time Jesus walked the earth.
- Bedouin shepherds bring their flocks from various pastures to the same watering hole around dusk.
- The sheep are all mixed together, so you begin to wonder how they can ever sort them out.
- The shepherd has a distinctive whistle or plays a reed pipe. The sheep know his voice and follow him.

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The Gospel of John 10:1 to v 22

I Am the Good Shepherd

**KNOW AND TRUST
JESUS'S VOICE**

JOHN 10:1-21

SHEEP HEAR VOICE (1-5)

- Sheep were a prominent feature in this society.
- They grazed in the day and were kept by the shepherd in pens at night.
- The only way into the pen was through the gate.
- The sheep only know the voice of the shepherd but would probably not respond to the voice of strangers.
- Any other voice would be a thief or robber.

SHEEP HEAR VOICE (1-5)

- Shepherds did not drive sheep from behind (like many do today with a sheep dog). They would lead the sheep from the front and call them.
- Numbers 27:16-17 - prayer of Moses - lead sheep so God's people are not sheep without a shepherd.
- This is a visual picture of the relationship of Jesus to us. He is the master, the shepherd leading us as we follow Him because we know His voice.

GOOD SHEPHERD (6-21)

- (vs. 7) Jesus teaches that He is the door of the sheep.
- Those who came before were thieves and robbers.
- (vs. 10) The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy.
- However, Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly.
- (vs. 11) The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. This is another one of the “I am” passages.

GOOD SHEPHERD (6-21)

- Jesus will save His sheep by sacrificing for them.
- D.A. Carson - “the death of shepherds for such reason must have been fairly rare” because it would “leave his flock entirely exposed.”
- Jesus is pointing to His death on the cross and showing how extreme this action must be in order to save the people. He also explains that he “lays down his life for the sheep.”

GOOD SHEPHERD (6-21)

- (vs. 12) A hired hand, who is not a shepherd, will flee when he sees a wolf coming. That is because “he cares nothing for the sheep.”
- The Good Shepherd know the sheep in the same way the Father know the Son.
- (vs. 16) Other sheep - refers to non-Jews (Gentiles) who will become part of the body of Christ, knowing His voice will be important in this multi-flock pen.

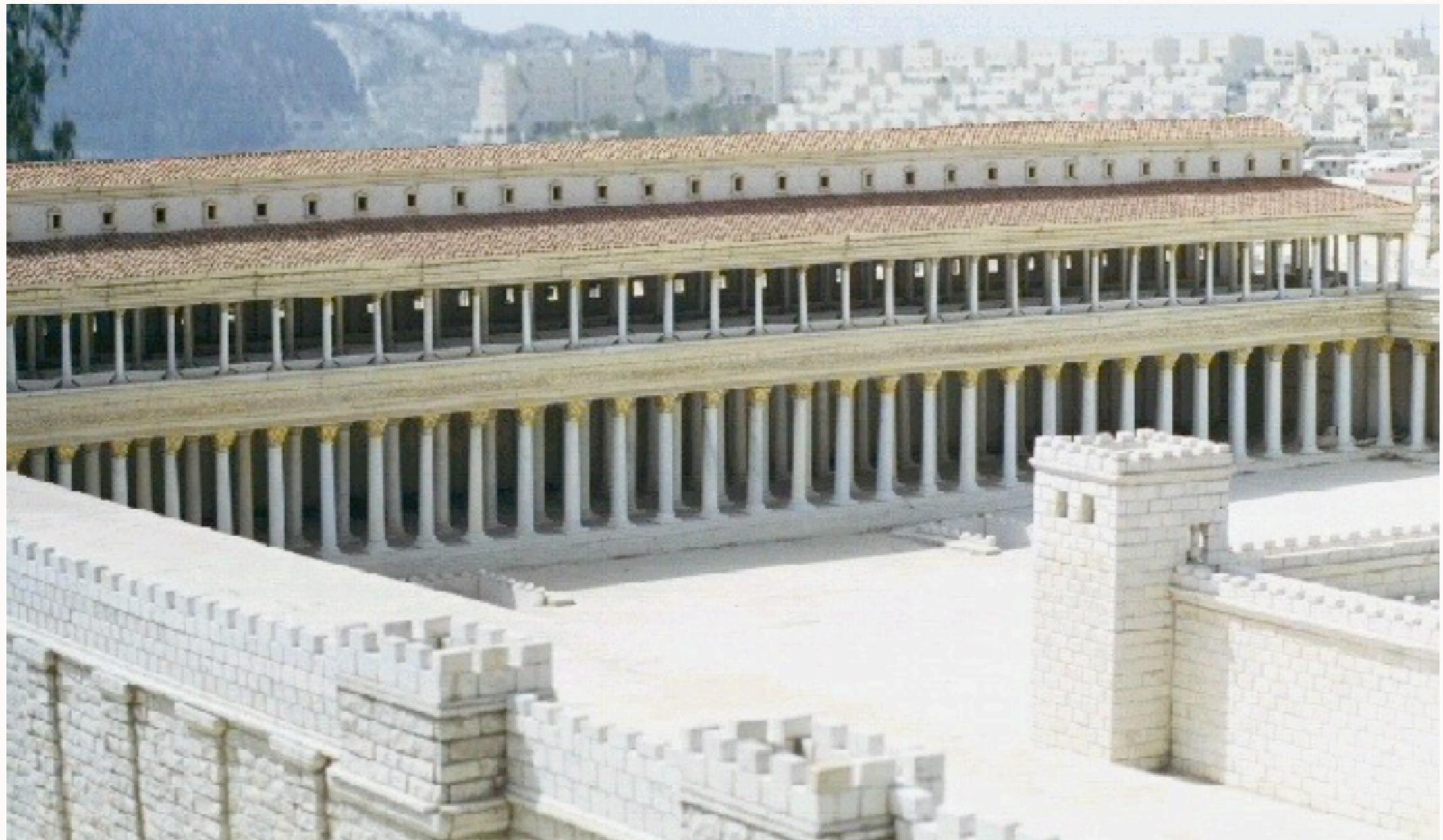
GOOD SHEPHERD (6-21)

- (vs. 17) Jesus emphasizes that his death on the cross would not occur because earthly powers are stronger than the power of the heavenly Father.
- He would lay down His life willingly and the time ordained by the Father.
- (vs. 19) Once again we observe the division among the Jews over the teaching of Jesus (demon, insane).

ARE YOU THE CHRIST?

JOHN 10:22-42

COLONNADE OF SOLOMON



ANSWER (22-30)

- Jesus comes to Jerusalem during the Feast of Dedication (during the time of Hanukkah).
- He is still a target and is confronted by the Jews who ask Him if He is the Christ.
- He says He has already told them through the works and signs that he has done. He returns to the metaphor of the shepherd and the sheep.

ANSWER (22-30)

- (vs. 28) Jesus answers with a statement that gives us assurance of our salvation.
- He says, “no one will snatch them out of my hand.” And then He adds that “no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”
- (vs. 30) His final response is clear: “I am the Father are one.” They are ready to stone Him because of blasphemy (vs. 33).

RESPONSE (31-42)

- The Jews pick up stones again to stone him.
- They accuse Him of blasphemy because “you being a man make yourself out to be God.”
- (vs. 34-36) This is a difficult passage in which Jesus quotes from Psalm 82:6 in conjunction with Exodus.
- What He is saying is if some were tempted to call Moses God, how much more should they call Jesus who really is God.

RESPONSE (31-42)

- (vs. 37-39) Jesus also challenges them with this basic test: if someone claims to be God's Son but doesn't do God's will, they can be challenged.
- The contrary should also apply. He is doing the will of the Father. Even if they don't believe Him, they should believe in the works that He does.
- (vs. 40-42) Jesus went across the Jordan to escape, and many came to Him and believed because of His works.

APPLICATION

MISSIONS

- John 10:16 has been the basis for the modern missions movement.
- Peter Cameron Scott founded the African Inland Mission, went out as a missionary to Africa, got malaria and had to come back to Britain.
- When healthy he returned with his brother, who died of fever. He had to bury him, and eventually had to return to England again because of his health.

MISSIONS

- He was discouraged until he visited the tomb of David Livingstone and read these words on the gravestone:
- “Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; Them also I must bring.”
- God used these words in his life, and he returned to Africa with confidence. The mission he founded exists to this day because of John 10:16.

MISSIONS

- Throughout history, God has been reminding Christian leaders that there are other sheep.
- The Puritan John Eliot realized there were “other sheep” among the Algonquin.
- Congregationalist David Brainerd saw “other sheep” among the Housatonic and the Delaware.
- Missionary William Carey saw that there were “other sheep” in India.

MISSIONS

- Hudson Taylor saw that there were people in the vast inland stretches of China that needed the gospel.
- Peter Cameron Scott understood that there were “other sheep” in the interior of Africa.
- Cameron Townsend realized that the “other sheep” in this world did not have the Bible in their language and began Wycliffe in order to translate the Bible for the 17,000 unreached people groups.

SECURITY

- John 10:27-28 - “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”
- Jesus gives eternal life to His sheep (Christians).
- They will never perish. There is no qualifier here.
- It doesn't say they won't perish, if they are faithful.

SECURITY

- No one can snatch us out of God's hand.
- Can we snatch ourselves out of the hand of Jesus?
- No, we cannot because the term "no one" includes the saved person. You cannot snatch yourself out of Christ's hand.
- Other verses that are sometimes used to deny eternal security must be harmonized with this verse.

SECURITY

- John 6:37 - “All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”
- This verse teaches that the Father gives to the Son those who believe, and Jesus will not cast them out.
- John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

SECURITY

- Romans 8:38-39 - “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Philippians 1:6 - “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

DEITY

- John 10:30 - “I and the Father are one.”
- Was Jesus saying that He and the Father were one in purpose? If so, the Jews could claim the same thing since they believed they were serving God.
- Was Jesus saying they were of the same mind? If so, why didn't Jesus clarify His statement when they accused Him of blasphemy?

DEITY

- Jehovah's Witnesses deal with this passage by changing John 10:33 in the New World Translation.
- It should be written: "You being a man make yourself out to be God."
- Their translation says, "even because you, although being a man, make yourself a god."
- There is no article in Greek. No other Bible translation includes an article in that verse.

DEITY

- Remember all the verses that precede John 10:30.
- John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world."
- John 8:18 - "I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of me."
- John 8:19 - "You don't know me or my Father."
- John 8:23 - "You are from below, I am from above."

DEITY

- John 8:26 - “The things which I heard from Him [God the Father], these I speak to the world.”
- John 8:28 - “I speak these things as the Father taught me.”
- John 8:40 - “you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God, this Abraham did not do.”

DEITY

- John 8:51 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."
- John 8:54 - "It is my Father who glorifies Me."
- John 8:58 - "Before Abraham was, I am."
- When Jesus says this, they pick up stones to stone him. Their reaction in John 8:58 and John 10:30 show they understood that Jesus was claiming to be God.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

- All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
- Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

- Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
- Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

