

Scripture

John 10:1-10 (NLT)

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10:1 “I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! **2** But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

- 4 “After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. 5 They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.”
- 6 Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn’t understand what he meant, 7 so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them.”

- 9** “Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.
- 10** The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”
- 11** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.”