



“ADORABLE SHEEP, A-DOOR-ABLE SHEPHERD”

JOHN 10:1-10 BIBLE STUDY





CONTEXT: “I AM”



- “I am [ἐγώ εἰμι] the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (Jn 10:11, NIV)





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- Then Jesus declared, “**I am** [ἐγώ εἰμι] the **bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (Jn 6:35, NIV)
- When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am** [ἐγώ εἰμι] the **light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (Jn 8:12; cf. Jn 9:5)
- Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, **I am** [ἐγώ εἰμι] the **gate** for the sheep. (Jn 10:7, NIV; cf. Jn 10:9)





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- Jesus said to her [Martha], “I am [ἐγώ εἰμι] the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; (Jn 11:25, NIV)
- Jesus says to him [Thomas], "I am [ἐγώ εἰμι] the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (Jn 14:6, AT)
- “I am [ἐγώ εἰμι] the Vine – the True [Vine] – and my Father is the Vinedresser. (Jn 15:1, AT; cf. Jn15:5)



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- 1 Now Moses was **tending the flock** of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to **Horeb** [aka Mt. Sinai], the **mountain of God**. 2 There the angel of the LORD [YHWH] appeared to him in **flames of fire** from **within a bush**. Moses saw that though the **bush was on fire** it did **not burn up**. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the **bush does not burn up**.” (Ex 3:1-3, NIV)





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13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name?**’ Then what shall I tell them?” 14 God said to Moses, “**I am** [LXX: Ἐγώ εἰμι] **who I am**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I am** has sent me to you.’”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD [YHWH]**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my **name** forever,
the **name** you shall call me

from generation to generation. (Ex 3:13-15, NIV)





CONTEXT: “I AM”



- 56 **Your father Abraham** rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”
- 57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”
- 58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “**before** Abraham was born, **I am** [ἐγώ εἰμι]!” 59 At this, they **picked up stones to stone him**, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. (Jn 8:56-59, NIV)



CONTEXT: "I AM"



- 31 **Again** his Jewish opponents **picked up stones to stone him**,
32 but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?”
- 33 “We are **not stoning you for any good work**,” they replied, “but for **blasphemy**, because you, a **mere man, claim to be God.**” (Jn 10:31-33, NIV)





CONTEXT:
“I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- I am the Shepherd – the **Good** One. The Shepherd – the **Good** One – lays down His life for the sheep. (Jn 10:11, AT)





CONTEXT: “I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- 1 The word of the LORD [YHWH] came to me: 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the **shepherds of Israel**; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD [YHWH] says: Woe to you **shepherds** of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not **shepherds** take care of the flock? 3 You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and **slaughter** the choice animals, but you do not take care of the **flock**. (Eze 34:1-3, NIV)





CONTEXT: “I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- 4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. 5 So they were **scattered** because there was **no shepherd**, and when they were **scattered** they became food for all the wild animals. 6 My **sheep** wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were **scattered** over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. (Eze 34:4-6, NIV)





CONTEXT: “I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- 7 “ ‘Therefore, you **shepherds**, hear the word of the LORD [YHWH]: 8 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH], because **my flock lacks a shepherd** and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because **my shepherds did not search for my flock** but cared for **themselves** rather than for my **flock**, 9 therefore, you **shepherds**, hear the word of the LORD [YHWH]: 10 This is what the Sovereign LORD [YHWH] says: I am against the **shepherds** and will hold them accountable for my **flock**. I will remove them from tending the **flock** so that the **shepherds** can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my **flock** from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. (Eze 34:7-10, NIV)





CONTEXT: “I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- 11 “ ‘For this is what the Sovereign LORD [YHWH] says: **I myself** will **search** for my **sheep** and look after them. 12 As a **shepherd looks after his scattered flock** when he is with them, **so will I look after my sheep**. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. (Eze 34:11-13, NIV)



CONTEXT: “I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- 14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There **they will lie down in good grazing land**, and there **they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel**. 15 I myself will **tend my sheep and have them lie down**, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH]. 16 I will **search for the lost and bring back the strays**. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will **shepherd** the flock with justice. (Eze 34:14-16, NIV)



CONTEXT: “I AM THE *GOOD* SHEPHERD”



- 22 I will **save my flock**, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. 23 I will place over them **one shepherd, my servant David**, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their **shepherd**. 24 I the LORD [YHWH] will be their God, and **my servant David will be prince among them**. I the LORD [YHWH] have spoken.
(Eze 34:22-24, NIV)
- You are my **sheep**, the **sheep** of my **pasture**, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH].’ ” (Eze 34:31, NIV)





CONTEXT: SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS



- 35 Jesus heard that they **threw him out** [ἐκβάλλω | *ekballō*] and, when He **found** him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
 - 36 That man answered and said, "And who is He, Lord? [Tell me] so that I may believe in Him."
 - 37 Jesus said to Him, "Indeed, you have **seen** Him, and the One speaking with you is He."
 - 38 Then he declared, "Lord, I believe!!" And he worshipped Him.
- (Jn 9:35-38, AT)





CONTEXT: SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS



- 39 Then, Jesus said, "For judgment [κρίμα | *krima*] I have come into this world, so that those who **don't see** may **see**, and those who **do see** may **become blind**."
- 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things. And they said to Him, "We aren't **blind**, too, are we?"
- 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were **blind**, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We **see**', your sin remains." (Jn 9:39-41 AT)





JOHN 10:1 AUTHORIZED ENTRY



- Amen, Amen, I say to you [Pharisees], the one who does not enter through the door to the sheepfold of the sheep but goes up from another place: that person is a thief and a bandit. (Jn 10:1, AT)





JOHN 10:2
AUTHORIZED ENTRY



- But the one who enters through the door is shepherd of the sheep.
(Jn 10:2, AT)





JOHN 10:3
SHEEP LISTEN TO
THEIR SHEPHERD



- To him, the doorkeeper opens [the door], and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (Jn 10:3, AT)





JOHN 10:4
SHEEP FOLLOW
THEIR SHEPHERD



- When he **sends out** [ἐκβάλλω | *ekballō*] all of his [sheep], he travels in front of them, and the sheep follow him, because they have known his voice. (Jn 10:4, AT)





JOHN 10:5
STRANGER DANGER



- But a stranger they will never follow, but they flee from him, because they do not know the stranger(s)' voice.
(Jn 10:5, AT)





JOHN 10:6 THE MASTER MISUNDERSTOOD



- This parable Jesus told them, but they did not understand anything that He was saying to them. (Jn 10:6, AT)





JOHN 10:7
JESUS THE DOOR



- Therefore, Jesus again said, "Amen, Amen, I say to you that **I am** the door for the sheep. (Jn 10:7, AT)





JOHN 10:8
PREVIOUS FAITHLESS
PHONIES



- All who came before Me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. (Jn 10:8, AT)





JOHN 10:9
JESUS, THE DOOR
OF SALVATION



- I am the door. Through Me, if anyone comes in, they will be **saved** and come in and go out and find pasture.
(Jn 10:9, AT)





JOHN 10:9
JESUS, THE DOOR
OF SALVATION



- **Salvation** is found in **no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be **saved.**” (Ac 4:12, NIV)





JOHN 10:9
JESUS, THE DOOR
OF SALVATION



- I tell you that in the same way there will be more **rejoicing** in heaven over **one sinner** who **repents** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Lk 15:7, NIV)



JOHN 10:9
JESUS, THE DOOR
OF SALVATION



- For the wages of **sin** is **death**, but the gift of God is **eternal life** in **Christ Jesus** our Lord. (Rom 6:23, NIV)





JOHN 10:9
TRUE FREEDOM



- You will be blessed when you **come in** and blessed when **you go out**.

(Dt 28:6, NIV; cf. Dt 28:19; 2 Ki 19:27)





JOHN 10:9
TRUE FREEDOM



the LORD will watch over your
coming and going

both now and forevermore.

(Ps 121:8, NIV)





JOHN 10:9 TRUE FREEDOM



the LORD [YHWH] will watch over your **coming** and **going**
both now and forevermore.

(Ps 121:8, NIV)





JOHN 10:9 TRUE FREEDOM



- 31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you remain in my word, truly you are my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you **free**." (Jn 8:31-32, AT)
- So if the Son sets you free, you will be free, indeed. (Jn 8:36, AT)





JOHN 10:10
SLAUGHTER VS.
SALVATION



- The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and **destroy** [ἀπόλλυμι | *apollymi*]; I came so that they may have **life** and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10, AT)





JOHN 10:10
SLAUGHTER VS.
SALVATION



- And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall **lose** [ἀπόλλυμι | *apollymi*] none of all those he has given me, but **raise them up at the last day** (Jn 6:39, NIV; cf. Jn 17:12)





JOHN 10:10
SLAUGHTER VS.
SALVATION



- For, in this way, God loved the world: that He gave the one-of-a-kind Son, so that everyone who is [continually] faithful to Him shall not **perish** [ἀπόλλυμι | *apollymi*] but have **eternal life**. (Jn 3:16, AT)

