

Morning Lesson

THE GOOD SHEPHERD John 10:1-21 (reading 10:1-6)

INTRO:

1. One of the most cherished picture we have of God is as a shepherd. **John 1:29**
2. **Psalm 23** presents the caring shepherd, but there is another side to shepherds in scripture. **Isa. 56:9-12; Jer. 23:1-4**
3. **John 10** is known as the "Good Shepherd Chapter."

I. I AM THE DOOR. John 10:1-10.

- A. At night often sheep were brought into a pen made from rocks or thorns.
- B. Sometimes a shepherd would lay down in the opening and become the door. **John 14:6**
- C. Jesus is the true shepherd that is concerned about the flock and each sheep in it.
- D. Each shepherd would call his sheep and they recognized his voice. **John 20:31**

II. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10:11-18

- A. Jesus made it clear that he voluntarily would give his life.
- B. David learned great lessons as a shepherd. **1 Sam.17:34-36; John 19:10, 30**

CONC:

1. Jesus' words again caused division.
2. Some thought he had a demon and others were marveling at his works.
3. Jesus loves all sheep, but some do not return that love. **John 14:15**
4. He wants to tenderly care for us and protect us in this dangerous world.
5. Are we listening for his voice?