



I AM...

Jn. 10:1-18

THE GOOD SHEPHERD
THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP



“I AM” in John

- Each metaphor reveals unique characteristics of Jesus
- Proclaims His deity
 - Jn. 14 – I am the way, the truth, and the life
 - Jn. 6 – I am the bread of life
 - Jn. 8 – I am the light of the world
- Here, 2 sheep metaphors show His care for us



The Sheep Gate

- Jn. 10:1-5 – Proverb of the sheepfold
- Jn. 10:7 – I am the gate/door for the sheep
- Jn. 10:9 – God's sheep enter thru Jesus to the fold or out to pasture.
- Sheepfold protects sheep from robbers and wolves. Only way into this shelter is thru the door.



The Good Shepherd

- Jn. 10:8, 10 – Robbers came to steal, kill, & destroy (the sheep). Jesus instead offers abundant life.
- Jn. 10:11 – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
- Ezek. 34:11-15, 22-24 – Prophecy of the true shepherd

Character ID



Character(s)	Action/motivation
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Sacrifices Himself for the sheep
Robbers/thieves	Steal and kill the sheep
Hireling	Flees danger to save self, abandoning sheep
Sheep	Follow the shepherd; know His voice



Jesus

- As the sheep gate, He allows us entry into the shelter
- As the good shepherd, He watches over us, protects us from thieves/wolves, & lays down His life for us
- As the perfect lamb, He was sacrificed for our sins (Jn. 1:29; Is. 53:7)



Whose Sheep Are You?

- His sheep hear His voice and follow Him but will flee from a stranger (10:3-5).
- Is Jesus your shepherd, or is He a stranger to you? (10:26-27)
- If He is your shepherd, are you letting Him lead you?