

# Who is Jesus

## The Door and the Shepherd

### Points to Consider

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### Jesus Provides Protection

**John 10:1-16** *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. NKJV*

Jesus **protects** us from thieves and robbers who want to do us harm.

A hireling **flees** when danger comes because he does not care about the sheep.

Jesus accused the scribes and Pharisees of **harming** people instead of helping them.

**Matt 23:4-5** *For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. NKJV*

**Matt 23:13-15** *But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. NKJV*

The scribes and Pharisees did not bear the burdens of others; rather, they **loaded** them with burdens they were unwilling to bear.

The scribes and Pharisees **hindered** people from entering the kingdom of heaven. They led people to **hell** instead of to life.

**Matt 27:17-18** *Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. NKJV*

Even Pilate understood that the Jews' leaders didn't care about the people but only about their **own** power and reputations.

**Matt 9:35-37** *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. NKJV*

**Matt 14:14-15** *And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."*

Jesus looked on His flock with **compassion** and taught them truth, healed them, and fed them.

Jesus provides protection by knowing the needs of each member of His flock. He knows their **names**.

Each one of us has our own **hurts** and vulnerabilities that Jesus knows.

Jesus not only had compassion on crowds, He also had compassion on **individuals**. See the list on page 114.

**John 20:14-16** *Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). NKJV*

When Jesus called Mary by name she **immediately** recognized him.

**Matt 7:15-20** *Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them. NKJV*

Jesus still protects us from false teachers by the **warnings** we have recorded in His word.

Jesus also protects us by telling us how to spot someone who is a ravenous wolf.

## Jesus Provides Provisions

*John 10: 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.*

Jesus said those who enter the sheepfold through Him would find pasture. Pasture is the source of life-giving food.

**Ps 23:1-2** *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.* NKJV

Providing a flock with green pastures requires work.

"Green pastures did not just happen by chance. Green pastures were the product of tremendous labor, time, and skill in land use. Green pastures were the result of clearing rough, rocky land; of tearing out brush and roots and stumps; of deep plowing and careful soil preparation; of seeding and planting special grains; of irrigating with water and husbanding with care the crops of forage that would feed the flocks." Phillip Keller in *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*

**Mark 1:35-39** *Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."*

*38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." 39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.* NKJV

Jesus worked hard to provide us a spiritual pasture to feed on.

Jesus often got up early and stayed up late. He went without physical rest to give us spiritual rest.

He went without physical food and water to provide us with spiritual food and water.

**2 Tim 3:16-17** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

The words of Jesus have been preserved so we can feed on that same spiritual pasture.

**2 Peter 1:2-4** *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

## Jesus Provides Eternal Life

**John 10:10-11** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

Jesus came so we can have life.  
He provided us with life by giving His.

**John 10:25-30** *Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one." NKJV*

Jesus gives His sheep eternal life.  
As long as we are part of His fold we are safe from those trying to snatch us from His hand.

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