

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
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**Bible Readings: Psalm 23**  
**John 10:1-10**  
**1 Peter 2:19-25**

**Introduction:** A blind man had just been healed as told in John 9. A crowd had gathered around Jesus. The location is Jerusalem on a Sabbath after Jesus had recently returned from three months in the Judean region. The Pharisees were not happy at what Jesus had done on the Sabbath note verses 35-41.

**The Shepherd and His Flock:** Jesus using an allegory rather than a parable goes on talking to the crowd including the religious leaders who were spiritually blind. The Pharisees had shown they were in no position to lead others – so Jesus uses the opportunity to speak into their leadership. John 10:1-5 By telling the following:

A Sheep Pen	)	A Familiar scene:
Sheep	)	1. In the Village
Shepherd	)	2. Out on the hillsides
Gateway or door of Pen	)	
Gatekeeper	)	
Thieves and Robbers	)	

**They did not understand so Jesus explains further John 10:7-8**

**He – Jesus – is the Door/Gate/Way: The only way to have access to the Father and enter the sheep fold. See OT Prophetic scriptures Ezek 34, Jer 23:1-8**

**All others who claim to be yet show by their life/actions are thieves and robbers.**

**Jesus alone can mediate SALVATION John 11:25**

**The CONTRAST v.10**

**....Jesus provides An overflow of GRACE (an abundance of ALL that sustains life) see further Eph 3:17-19**

**....The Thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy (False/Bad Shepherds are controlled by the Devil) see further John 8:42-47**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD AND BAD SHEPHERD**

**GOOD:**

Feeds and Sustains  
Seeks and Gathers  
Tends and guards  
Leads into green pastures  
Prepared to lay down his life for the sheep.

**BAD:**

Does not feed and Sustain  
Does not seek and gather the lost  
Does not tend (Pastor) or guard  
Does not lead the flock into green pasture  
Takes care of him/herself first

**SHARE STORIES OF GOOD AND BAD SHEPHERDING:**

