

Lesson: GOOD SHEPHERD

We are currently studying the Truly, Truly messianic doctrines of John 10:1-21.

We learned from John 10:6 that Jesus used the paroimia figure of speech to bring the hearers to fork between two theological roads.

One road was those hearers with PV (positive volition) of divine truth. The other theological road was those hearers with NV of cosmos diabolicus lies (John8:44-45).

In the context of John 9:1-10:21, healed blind man had PV towards divine truth while the Pharisees had NV because of cosmos diabolicus lies.

In the first Truly, Truly messianic doctrine recorded in John 10:1-10, Jesus was the God's Only Door of grace salvation.

In today's Truly, Truly messianic doctrine recorded in **John 10:11-21**, Jesus is God's Good Shepherd that lays His life down for the sheep (**Ezek.34:1-10**/ hireling shepherds; 34:11-31/ Good Shepherd).

In today's lesson, we will learn that the Good Shepherd laid down His life down for all mankind. But only those who believe are benefited from it in time and eternity.

This lesson will study five aspects of the Truly, Truly messianic doctrine called the **Good Shepherd**.

1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by five homiletic points of **the Good Shepherd**.

Danger to sheep (10:12-13) – two dangers (inside and outside) –

Death to shepherd (10:11, 15, 17, 18) – lay down and take up life for sheep –

Different sheep (10:16) – sheep not of this fold – prophecy for the church like John 7:37-39 -

Divine authority (10:18/ exousia/ 2x) – death and resurrection –

Division (10:19-21/ schisma palin) – Many (polus/ NV) and others (allos/ PV)

2. In John 10:1-21, the idea of the enemy of the sheep is established in angelic conflict..

In John 10:1-10, the enemy comes from the **outside** to steal, kill, and destroy. The enemy is referred to as thieves and robbers (10:1, 10).

In John 10:11-21, the enemy is expanded inside and outside the sheepfold. The inside enemy is referred to as hireling who flees and outside wolf who snatches (10:12; Gal.2:4-6).

The inside enemy of the sheep is the Pharisee with their theology against the Truly, Truly messianic doctrines of John 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10. We see Pharisee's antichrist mind set attacking Jesus Christ and even the healed blind man in John 9.

3. The hireling shepherd forsook the sheep in hour of crisis in contrasted to the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep (John 10:11-13).

Four times in our lesson text, Jesus teaches that He will lay down His life for the sheep (John 10:11, 15, 17, and 18/ tithemi/ p.a.ind).

*"I am (eimi/ p.a.ind. 1ps) the Good Shepherd (ho kalos ho poimen); the **Good Shepherd lay down** (tithemi/ p.a.ind.3ps) **His life** (ten psuche/ asf) **for** (huper+abl/ substitute) **the sheep.**" (10:11)*

Jesus was not only the **Good Shepherd** who laid His life down but also the sacrificial **Lamb of God** (John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:19; Rev.5:12; 12:11).

4. Jesus introduced a prophecy for the church in **John 10:16** – *"I have **other** (allos/ apln) **sheep**, which are not of this fold, **I must bring them also**, and they will hear (akouo/ f.a.ind.3pl) My voice; and they will become (ginomai/ f.m.ind.3pl) **one flock with one shepherd.**"*

One Flock: Paul gives details about the other sheep **not of this fold** in **Gal.3:28** – *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**"*

5. Good Shepherd is 1 of 6 messianic shepherd titles given to Jesus Christ.

God's Shepherd (Isa.40:11; Jer.23:5-6)	Chief Shepherd (1 Pet.5:1-4)
Good shepherd (John 10:11-21)	Smitten Shepherd (Zech 13:7; Matt.26:30-32)
Great Shepherd (Heb.13:20-21)	Shepherd and Guardian of soul (1 Pet.2:21-25)