

The *Good News* that John Wrote

*...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.*

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 10.1-21

**The Good Shepherd
vs. the Hireling Shepherds**

Jeremiah 23.1-6

**Woe to the shepherds who
destroy and scatter the sheep
of my pasture! says the
LORD.**

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who feed my people: You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, says Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Isaiah 40.11



Behold, the Sovereign LORD will come as a mighty one...He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, *and* will gently lead those who have their young.

Psalm 23 (22)

The LORD is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23 (22)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23 (22)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in the LORD's house forever.

John 10.1

Jesus said, “I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber.

John 10.2-3

The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out.

John 10.4-5

When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice.”

John 10.6

Jesus told them this parable,
but they did not understand
what he meant.

John 10.7

So Jesus said again, “I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep.

John 10.7-8

So Jesus said again, “I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

John 10.9

I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture.

John 10.10

The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.

John 10.11

**“I am the good shepherd,
who is willing to die for the
sheep.**

John 10.12

When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them.

John 10.13

The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep.

John 10.14-15

I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them.

John 10.16

There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

John 10.17-18

“The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do.”

John 10.19-21

Again there was a division among the people because of these words. Many of them were saying, “He has a demon! He is crazy! Why do you listen to him?” But others were saying, “A man with a demon could not talk like this! How could a demon give sight to blind people?”

Questions?
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