



## John 10:1-30 Part 31

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### The Good Shepherd

#### 1. The Good Shepherd vs thieves and robbers

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them... .

9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: 10 Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. 11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy.

Ezekiel 34

#### Our responsibility to each other

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

#### 2. Jesus is the Good Shepherd

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Deuteronomy 6:4

#### 3. A divided people

When he said these things, the people were again divided in their opinions about him. Some said, "He's demon possessed and out of his mind. Why listen to a man like that?" Others said, "This doesn't sound like a man possessed by a demon! Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

John 10:19-21

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4

#### Questions to consider this week:

1. Would you describe yourself as someone who listens to the voice of God more than any other voice in your life? If you asked a close friend who they think is the most important voice in your life, would they say Jesus?
2. Why do you think we sometimes have a hard time hearing the voice of God? If we hear his voice, but do not listen, is that good enough? Why or why not?
3. What similarities in language can you see between Ezekiel 34 and Psalm 23?
4. What area in your life is most difficult to yield to God?
5. Who is one person you can call this week to encourage? Pray for? Serve?