

**JOHN PART X**  
**“THE SHEPHERD”**  
**SCRIPTURE: JOHN 10**  
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## INTRODUCTION

- John 20:31, “But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name.”
- Last week learned we are called to be light.
- This week the beginning of the end.
- How do you find your way to where the grass is truly greener?

## I. THE SHEEP

- John 10:1-10, “...anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold...must surely be a thief and a robber! <sup>2</sup> But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep...”
- John 10:7-10, “...“I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them...  
<sup>10</sup> The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”
- Battle = Thief; trying to steal Zoe
- The complexity is that the thief looks like a shepherd.
- We confuse the good shepherd for the bad one.

## II. THE ABUNDANT LIFE

- Three Things Needed for Abundant Life
  - Abundant = More than enough, satisfied
- 1. We are sheep – Admit it, own it, surrender to it.
  - Sheep are defenseless in view of eternity.
  - The Lord is my shepherd.

2. Learn to Listen
  - His voice gives direction.
  - Keep it simple.
  - Expect delays! (they help bring clarity)
3. Respond to His Voice
  - He alone knows what we need.
  - Listening and responding will always lead to life.

## III. THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- John 10:11-11, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices His life for the sheep.”
- Vss. 14-15, “I am the good shepherd; I know My own sheep, and they know Me, <sup>15</sup> just as My Father knows Me and I know the Father...”
- Vss. 17-18, “The Father loves Me because I sacrifice My life so I may take it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one can take My life from Me. I sacrifice it voluntarily.”
- The good shepherd came to bring life, by giving His own.

## IV. THE SON OF GOD

- John 10:22-30, “...If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus replied, “I have already told you, and you don’t believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father’s name... <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”
- Over and over Jesus declares, “I am!”
- Exodus 3:14 - Moses asked, Who should I say sent me? “I Am” = Yahweh
- God’s literal declaration that He was and is...personal.
- Psalm 23

## CLOSE

- Yeshua = Yahweh saves
- God’s Old Testament name and nature are restored and fully revealed in Jesus.