

John 10:6

Jesus was teaching in Jerusalem using a parable about: sheep, a sheepfold, the shepherd and a thief. A sheepfold was like a corral, a place of safety for sheep. A sheepfold had a door and a gate keeper. Many Jews did not understand what Jesus was saying.

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Think about [John 10:6-7](#).

This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."

- In this parable, to what does Jesus liken himself?
- How do sheep get into the safety of the sheepfold?
- Jesus is the door way to what?

Consider [John 14:6](#). *Jesus said ... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

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Think about [Matthew 23:13](#).

(Jesus said) "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in."

- Why did Jesus cry out about the woe, sorrow and misery to come upon the religious leaders of the Jews?
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Think about [John 10:8](#).

(Jesus said) "All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them."

- How does Jesus describe all others who set themselves as the door keeper of God's sheepfold?
 - What is true about the Lord's sheep?
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- Can you think of an example of the Lord's sheep not listening to lying, false gate keepers?
Consider [John 9:24-38](#). *So for the second time they (the Pharisees) called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner. ... We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.*
Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

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Think about [John 10:9](#).

(Jesus said) I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

- What do you think Jesus meant by these words?
- In this figure of speech, Jesus says he is the door through which his sheep enter to the safety of the sheepfold. What do you think the sheepfold represents?
Consider [Luke 18:16-17](#). *But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."*

Think about [Matthew 7:13-14](#).

Someone once asked Jesus, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" ([Luke 13:23-24](#)) Jesus said, *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."*

- What do we need to be aware of when entering by the Door Jesus?