

## Lesson 21

### JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-21

Key Verse: 11

1. What did Jesus say to the Pharisees and why (1, and previous passage)? How is the shepherd characterized in contrast to the thief/robber/stranger, and how does this describe Jesus (2-5)? What do his sheep know? Why didn't the Pharisees understand Jesus (6)?
2. What does Jesus mean by "I am the gate for the sheep" (7)? What promises does Jesus make as the gate, and how does this contrast the thief (8-10, and verse 9 footnote)? What do you think to have "life to the full" means?
3. How does the good shepherd differ from the hired hand (11-13)? What is the greatest love that our good shepherd Jesus showed his sheep (15:13; 1Jn 3:16)? What is our good shepherd Jesus' relationship to his sheep (14-15)?
4. Who are the other sheep and what responsibility does Jesus take towards them (16; 17:20-21)? How and why did Jesus lay down his life and take it up again (17-18)? How were responses to Jesus' words divided (19-21)?
5. Do you have the assurance that Jesus is the good shepherd for you personally and for all people (Ps 23:1)? How can you be a good sheep to Jesus?