### I Am the Good Shepherd

**10**“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. **2**But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3**To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4**When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5**A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6**This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

**7**So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8**All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9**I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. **10**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. **11**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12**He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

**13**He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. **14**I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,**15**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16**And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17**For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. **18**No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**19**There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. **20**Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” **21**Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”