

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PART 1: ILLUSTRATION
(John 10:1-6)

- I. An ABRUPT Beginning (John 10:1a)
 - A. “Truly, truly...” introduces an IMPORTANT statement
 - B. “Truly, truly...” connects to a PREVIOUS context
 - 1. Jesus had given SIGHT to a man BORN BLIND
 - 2. Jesus had revealed the SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS of “the Jews”

- II. A FAMILIAR Metaphor (John 10:1b-5)
 - A. The distinction between FALSE shepherds and the TRUE (10:1b-3a)
 - 1. Those who climb over the WALL of the sheepfold are THIEVES and ROBBERS
 - 2. One who enters through the DOOR is a GENUINE shepherd
 - B. The RELATIONSHIP between the SHEPHERD and his SHEEP (10:3b-4)
 - 1. The shepherd KNOWS HIS SHEEP
 - 2. The sheep RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE
 - 3. The sheep FOLLOW THEIR SHEPHERD
 - 4. The shepherd gathers ALL HIS OWN
 - 5. The shepherd LEADS THEM where He wants them to go

C. The AVERSION of the sheep for a STRANGER (10:5)

1. They won't FOLLOW another shepherd
2. They will FLEE from an IMPOSTER

III. A CONFUSED Audience (John 10:6)

A. The MEANING was a little VAGUE

B. The audience remained SPIRITUALLY BLIND (cf. 9:30-41)