

## **That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study in John**

### **Lesson Five – The Good Shepherd John 9 & 10**

9:32 - 38 *“Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.*

Q A. Looking particularly at verse 35, what do we see about our Savior? What did He do?

John 10:1 – 4 - *“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.*

Q B. What was the goal of the Pharisees as far as the people’s beliefs about Christ? About the Pharisees?

10:7, 9 & 10 *“So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.... 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.”*

10:11 – 13 *“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.”*

Q C. What is implied about Christ in verse 13 by way of contrast?

10:14 & 15 - *“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.”*

Q D. Looking at verses 3, 4, and 14 what do we see about the believer’s relationship to Christ?

10:17 & 18 – *“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.”*

1)10:19 – 21 – *“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?”*

2)10:30 – 33 *“I and the Father are one.” 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father, for which of them are you going to stone me?” 33 The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”*

3)10:37 – 39 *“If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” 39 Again they sought to arrest him, but He escaped from their hands.”*

Looking at the 3 passages above – We sometimes hear people today say that Jesus never said He was God, that he was a good man and good moral teacher, and that he was crucified because His ideas were unpopular.

Q E. Where do you see Him saying that He is God?

Q F. What do you see as reasons given by the people who heard Him and did not believe Him? What reasons do you see given for why they wanted to kill Him?

10:25b – 29 – *“The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. **(John 10:27 & 28) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.** 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.”*

Q G. What reasons are we given here to believe that we are secure if we are trusting in Christ and following Him?