

John 9:34-41 & 10:1-9

34-37. They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "**Do you believe in the Son of God?**" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him." And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

- **John 4:25-26** "The woman said to Him, "I know that _____ is coming" (who is called _____). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "____ who speak to you am _____."

38. Then he said, "**Lord, I believe!**" **And he WORSHIPED Him.**

- **Revelation 22:8-9** "Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to _____ before the feet of the _____ who showed me these things. Then he said to me, 'See that you DO _____ DO _____. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. _____ God.'"

Definition: "And he WORSHIPED Him" - Everywhere in the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, we are told to ONLY WORSHIP GOD (Deut. 6:13), and yet **Jesus accepted worship over and over**. If Jesus were not TRULY God, He would not have accepted people's worship. If Jesus were anything LESS than God, such as just a man, or an angel, He would have REFUSED to have people worship Him (see Rev. 22:8-9).

- **Matthew 4:10** "Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall _____ the _____ your _____, and Him _____ you shall serve.'"
- **Revelation 1:8 & 17-18** "'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'Who is and who was and who is to come, the _____.' (Verses 17-18) "And when I saw Him, I _____ at His _____ as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, 'Do NOT be AFRAID; I (Jesus) am the _____ and the _____. I am He who _____, and was _____, and behold, I am alive _____. Amen. And I have the Keys of Hades and of Death.'"
- **Revelation 5:12-14** "Saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb (Jesus) who was _____ to _____ power and riches and wisdom, and strength and _____ and _____ and _____!' And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, '_____ and _____ and _____ and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the _____, forever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the twenty-four elders _____ down and _____ Him who lives _____ and _____."

39-41. And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that **those who SEE may be made BLIND.**" Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "**Are we BLIND also?**" Jesus said to them, "If you were **blind, you would have no sin**; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."

- **Revelation 3:17-18** "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have _____ of _____' - and do not _____ that you are wretched,

miserable, poor, _____, and naked - I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and _____ your _____ with _____ salve, that you may _____."

- **Matthew 13:13** "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because _____ they do not _____, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."
- **Matthew 15:12-14** "Then His disciples came and said to Him, 'Do You know that the _____ were _____ when they heard this saying?' But He answered and said, 'Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are _____ leaders of the _____. And if the _____ leads the _____, both will fall into a ditch.'"

Definition: "If you were BLIND, you would have NO SIN" - The sin of the Pharisees was that **they had physical sight**, but they could not perceive spiritual things - **they could not SEE the things of God**. Jesus is saying that they would not be guilty of this PARTICULAR SIN, if they were physically blind, but because **they could SEE all the miracles He did**, they were guilty of the sin of intentional disbelief and hardening of their hearts.

10:1-2. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is **a THIEF and a ROBBER**. But he who enters by the door is the **SHEPHERD of the sheep**.

- **Read Jeremiah 23:1-6** (Verses 1-2) "'Woe to the _____ who are destroying and scattering the _____ of My pasture!' declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the _____ who are tending My people: you have scattered My _____ and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the _____ of your deeds,' declares the Lord.'"

Definition: "The SHEPHERD of the SHEEP" - Jesus is beginning to talk about Himself as the Good Shepherd, and by contrast, He is calling the Pharisees and Jewish leaders the BAD shepherds of God's people, Israel - they were NOT taking care of God's sheep. The people were familiar with the idea of shepherds and of God being the Shepherd of Israel, and the scriptures referring to the EVIL shepherds were numerous in the Old Testament.

- **Jeremiah 31:10** "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare in the coastlands afar off, and say, 'He who scattered _____ will gather him, and keep him as a _____ keeps his flock.'"
- **Read Ezekiel 34:1-24** (Verse 2) "Son of man, prophesy (preach) against the _____ of _____. Prophesy and say to those _____, 'Thus says the Lord God, 'Woe, _____ of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the _____ feed the _____?' (Verse 10) "Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am against the _____, and I shall demand My _____ from them and make them cease from feeding sheep. So the _____ will not feed _____ any more, but I shall deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.'"

Definition: "A THIEF and a ROBBER" - Those who spread false religions, false prophets within the church, and evil shepherds - there are MANY scriptures that warn us about these people who would try to lead God's sheep astray. If they offer "**some other way**" to be saved other than FAITH in JESUS CHRIST, and Him ALONE, they are thieves and robbers.

- **II Timothy 3:13** "But _____ men and _____ will grow worse and worse, _____ and being deceived."
- **I Timothy 4:1** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times [before Christ returns], some will _____ from the _____, giving heed (paying attention) to _____ spirits and doctrines of _____."

3-4. To him **the doorkeeper OPENS**, and the sheep **HEAR his voice**; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and **the sheep follow him**, for they know his voice.

- **Acts 14:27** "And when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that _____ had done with them, and that He had _____ the _____ of _____ to the Gentiles."
- **Acts 16:14** "Now a certain woman named Lydia _____ us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped _____. The Lord _____ her _____ to heed the things spoken by Paul."

Definition: "The DOORKEEPER OPENS" - Who is the "doorkeeper" who opens the way for Jesus, the Good Shepherd? - **He is the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit works in a person's heart, brings them under conviction of sin, gives them FAITH, and opens their heart to Jesus.

5-8. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the DOOR of the sheep.** All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them."

- **Genesis 28:12 & 17** "Then he dreamed, and behold, a _____ was set up on the earth, and its top reached to _____; and there the _____ of God were _____ and _____ on it." (Verse 17) "And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the _____ of _____.'"
- **John 1:51** "And He said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see _____ open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the _____ of _____.'"

Definition: "ANGELS of God ASCENDING and DESCENDING" - This is a reference to Jacob's Ladder in the Old Testament (see Genesis 28:10-17). By making this reference to Himself, Jesus is saying that **He is the "way" or "ladder" to reach God.**

- **John 14:1-6** "'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, _____ also in _____. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the _____ you know.' Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know _____ You are going, and how can we know the _____?' Jesus said to him, 'I AM the _____, the truth, and the life. _____ comes to the _____ except _____ Me.'"

Definition: "I AM the DOOR of the SHEEP" - How can Jesus be **BOTH the Good Shepherd AND the DOOR to the sheepfold?** In Bible times, the sheep were kept at night in an enclosure without a door, and when the sheep had all been rounded up for the night, the **shepherd would lie down to sleep across the opening - he was the door!** No wolf or enemy could get into the sheepfold without crossing over the

body of the shepherd. Jesus has LAID DOWN His life (His BODY on the cross) for us, so that Satan, our enemy, can no longer hurt us.

- **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give you the _____ to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over _____ the _____ of the _____, and _____ shall by any means _____ you."

9. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- **Ezekiel 34:14-16** "I will feed them in a good _____, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will _____ in rich _____ on the mountains of Israel. I will _____ My _____ and I will lead them to _____,' declares the Lord God. 'I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the _____, and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with Judgment.'"
- **John 21:15-17** "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me more than these?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I _____ You.' He (Jesus) said to him, '_____ My _____.' He said to him again a second time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord, You _____ that I _____ You.' He said to him, 'Tend My _____.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?' Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, 'Do you love Me?' And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I _____ You.' Jesus said to him, '_____ My _____.'"

Definition: "GO IN and OUT and find PASTURE" - "Going in and out" is talking about the **FREEDOM we have as believers in Jesus Christ**, and "finding pasture" is talking about the **BLESSINGS we can receive**. This freedom and these blessings BELONG to ALL Believers in Jesus Christ, but they are **only EXPERIENCED by those who OBEY** and FOLLOW their Master, the Good Shepherd. If a Believer, one of Jesus' "sheep" goes astray (is rebellious and disobedient), he will end up in trouble. Sheep can get themselves entangled in thorny places, can be attacked by wolves, and can eat the wrong food and make themselves sick - all because they are not FOLLOWING the SHEPHERD.

- **II Corinthians 3:17** "Now the _____ is the _____; and where the _____ of the Lord is, there is _____."
- **Isaiah 53:6** "All we like _____ have _____; we have turned, every one, to his _____; and the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the _____ of us _____."