



## The Words of Jesus Series

# The Good Shepherd

Shepherd, Resurrection and Prophecy of Death

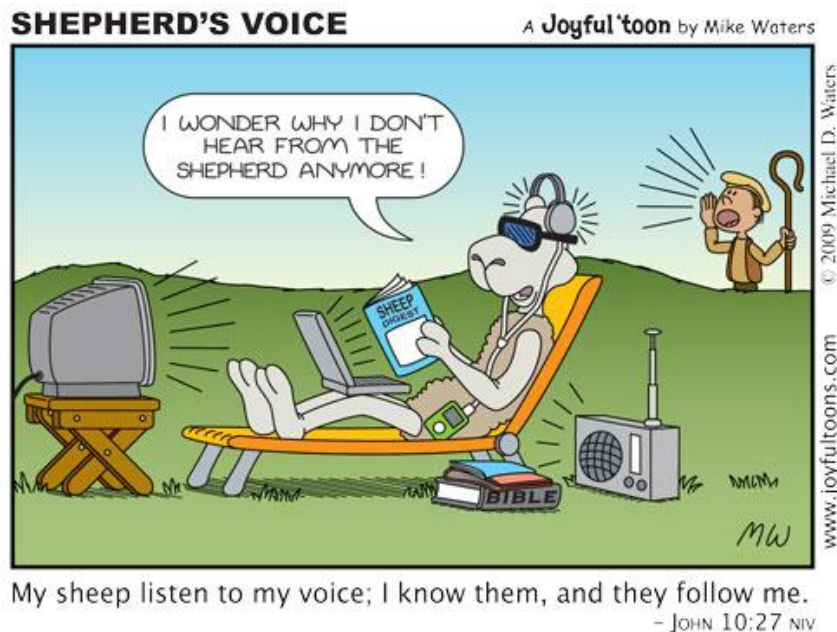
**Context: John 10, 11 & 12**

**Lesson 1 – The Good Shepherd** (John 10:1-42)

**Lesson 2 – Lazarus** (John 11:1-57)

**Lesson 3 – Jesus Death Foretold** (John 12:1-50)

Jesus tells us He is the door to the sheepfold, the Good Shepherd, the resurrection and the life, and the light of the world. He raises Lazarus from the dead and unites the Sadducees and Pharisees in their hatred of Him. The apostle John demonstrates the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



### Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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**Lesson 1 – The Good Shepherd** (John 10:1-42)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] John 10:1-5 Whose voice to the sheep obey? \_\_\_\_\_

[1B] John 10:6 Who were His listeners who did not understand this figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_

[1C] John 10:7-8 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_

[1D] John 10:9-10 Why did Jesus come? \_\_\_\_\_

[1E] John 10:11-15 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_

[1F] John 10:16-18 Why does the Father love Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[1G] John 10:19-21 What did His enemies think of Him after this explanation? \_\_\_\_\_

[1H] John 10:22-25 What were the Jews asking Jesus to clarify? \_\_\_\_\_

[1I] John 10:26-30 What explanation did Jesus give for their lack of belief? \_\_\_\_\_

[1J] John 10:31-35 What can not be broken? \_\_\_\_\_

[1K] John 10:36-39 What happened when they tried to seize Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[1L] John 10:40-42 Where did He go? \_\_\_\_\_

[1M] In John 10:33 the Jews understood Jesus to have claimed to be God. Did He claim to be God?

What leads you to believe that?

Think & Pray \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Back Pew – Jeff Larson**



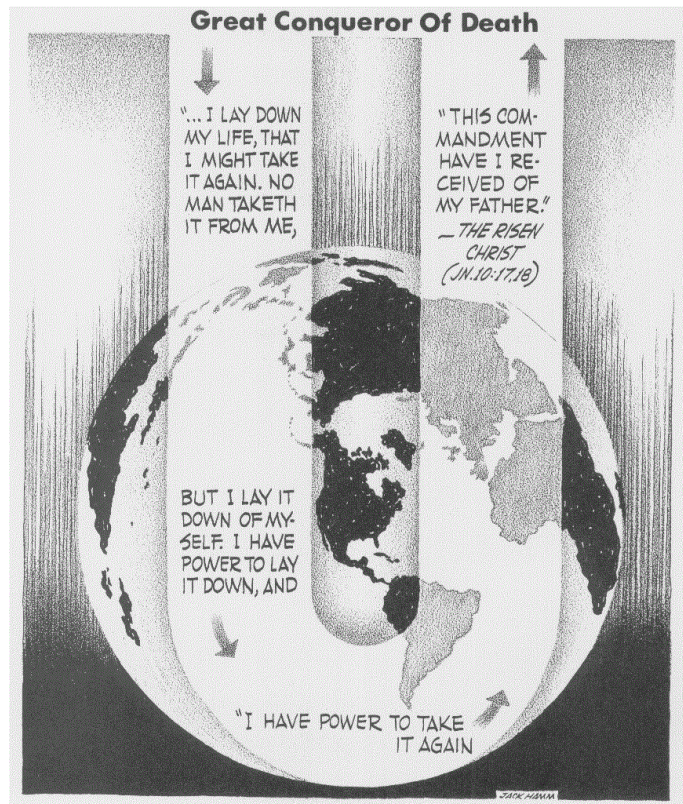
I am NOT a demon around every corner kind of guy, BUT I believe **John 10:10** The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

**Lesson 1 – The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-42)**

- [1A] John 10:1-5 Whose voice to the sheep obey? Their own shepherd
- [1B] John 10:6 Who were His listeners who did not understand this figure of speech? Pharisees & Jews (See John 9:40 & John 10:19)
- [1C] John 10:7-8 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? The gate, the door of the sheep
- [1D] John 10:9-10 Why did Jesus come? "That they may have life, and have it abundantly."
- [1E] John 10:11-15 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? The Good Shepherd
- [1F] John 10:16-18 Why does the Father love Him? Because He lays down His life to take it up again
- [1G] John 10:19-21 What did His enemies think of Him after this explanation? That He was crazy or demon possessed
- [1H] John 10:22-25 What were the Jews asking Jesus to clarify? Whether He was Christ or not
- [1I] John 10:26-30 What explanation did Jesus give for their lack of belief? They were not His sheep
- [1J] John 10:31-35 What can not be broken? The Scripture
- [1K] John 10:36-39 What happened when they tried to seize Him? He eluded their grasp
- [1L] John 10:40-42 Where did He go? Beyond the Jordan
- [1M] Yes. If there is any other way to understand John 10:30, I cannot imagine what it might be. "I and the Father are one." Those that try to understand it some other way point to John 10:34-36, saying that Jesus was clarifying His meaning. They believe these verses suggest He only meant the Holy Spirit within, just like all believers, or that He was talking about how all humans are made in the image of God. I disagree. Jesus is Lord.

**For Further Thought:**

- (1n) How can Jesus be both the door of the sheep (John 10:7-8) and the good shepherd (John 10:11&14)?
- (1o) In John 10:10 what is meant by having abundant life?
- (1p) In John 10:16 who are the sheep "not of this fold?"
- (1q) Compare John 10:34 with Psalm 82:1-8. What did you learn?
- (1r) In John 10:39 it says, "He eluded their grasp." What do you think this means? Did He run and hide? Did His disciples form a human shield around Him? Did He vanish into thin air? Did they try to grab Him but their hands passed through Him? Was He slippery with some kind of oil? Did He dodge in and out among the crowd until they got tired of chasing Him? Does it matter?





**Lesson 2 – Lazarus** (John 11:1-57)

This is not the same Lazarus found in Luke 16:20-25. We know this because the Lazarus in Luke 16 was poor and stayed dead, and the Lazarus in John 11 was at least well off enough to have a house and a gravesite, and did not stay dead. "Lazarus" is a form of the Hebrew name Eleazar and means "whom God helps."

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] John 11:1-5 What did Jesus say about Lazarus' sickness? \_\_\_\_\_

[2B] John 11:6-10 How long did Jesus delay answering the call of Mary and Martha? \_\_\_\_\_

[2C] John 11:11-16 How did Jesus say He felt about the death of Lazarus? \_\_\_\_\_

[2D] John 11:17-27 Who did Jesus say He was? \_\_\_\_\_

[2E] John 11:28-29 What did Martha call Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[2F] John 11:30-37 Who wept? \_\_\_\_\_

[2G] John 11:38-44 Why did they object to opening the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_

[2H] John 11:45-46 After witnessing such a mighty miracle everyone became believers, right? \_\_\_\_\_

[2I] John 11:47-53 For whom was Jesus to die? \_\_\_\_\_

[2J] John 11:54 Where did Jesus go? \_\_\_\_\_

[2K] John 11:55-57 Who had given orders to report the whereabouts of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[2L] What do you suppose would have happened if instead of saying, "Lazarus, come forth," Jesus had just said, "Come forth"? What is the significance of this story?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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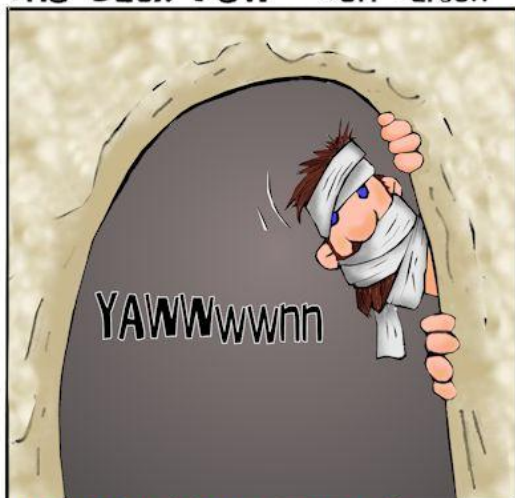
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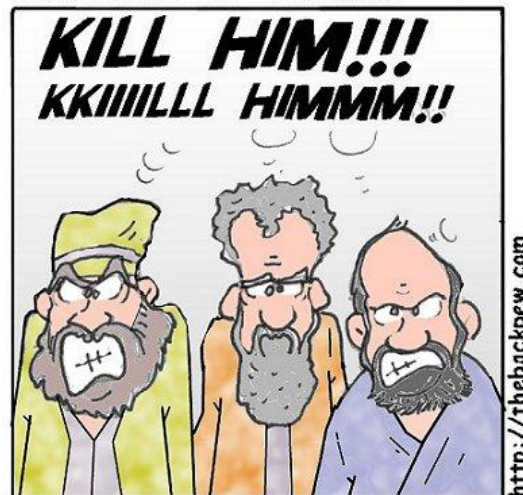
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John 11:43-44 "Lazarus.. come out!" and to his embarrassment, Lazarus not only came out with bed-hair.. he came out with 'dead-hair'.

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AND THEY PLOTTED AGAINST JESUS!!

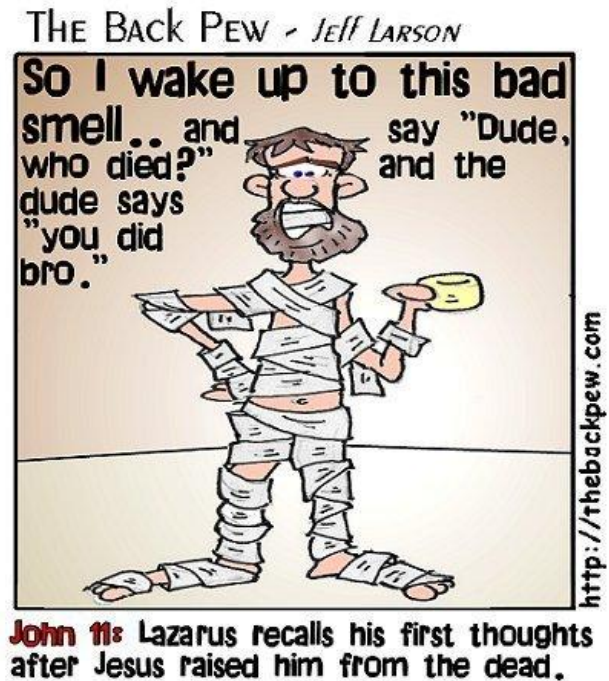
John 11:53

**Lesson 2 – Lazarus (John 11:1-57)**

- [2A] John 11:1-5 What did Jesus say about Lazarus' sickness? That it would not end in death
- [2B] John 11:6-10 How long did Jesus delay answering the call of Mary and Martha? Two days
- [2C] John 11:11-16 How did Jesus say He felt about the death of Lazarus? He said He was glad
- [2D] John 11:17-27 Who did Jesus say He was? The resurrection and the life John 11:25
- [2E] John 11:28-29 What did Martha call Jesus? The Teacher
- [2F] John 11:30-37 Who wept? Mary, the Jews who came with her, and Jesus
- [2G] John 11:38-44 Why did they object to opening the tomb? The stench
- [2H] John 11:45-46 After witnessing such a mighty miracle everyone became believers, right? No
- [2I] John 11:47-53 For whom was Jesus to die? The children of God scattered abroad
- [2J] John 11:54 Where did Jesus go? Ephraim A city near the wilderness
- [2K] John 11:55-57 Who had given orders to report the whereabouts of Jesus? Chief priests and Pharisees It may be important to notice that the Chief Priests were Sadducees who had strong doctrinal disputes with the Pharisees. Enmity against Jesus had united them
- [2L] In light of what He said in John 11:25, I think every tomb in the graveyard would have given up their dead. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then He proved it. Do we have any other viable hope of eternal life other than to listen to what Jesus promises? So why aren't we all listening more carefully?

**For Further Thought:**

- (2m) Thinking about John 11:35: Why did Jesus weep? Didn't He say He was glad about Lazarus' death in John 11:14?
- (2n) Thinking about John 11:44: If Lazarus was bound head and foot, how did he come forth?
- (2o) In John 11:41-42 why did Jesus pray aloud?
- (2p) The question about whether God speaks through evil people is answered in John 11:49-52. What is the significance of this revelation?
- (2q) Compare John 11:45-46 with Luke 16:31. What did you learn?



**Lesson 3 – Jesus Death Foretold** (John 12:1-50)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[3A] John 12:1-3 What did Mary do?

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[3B] John 12:4-8 Who objected and why? \_\_\_\_\_

[3C] John 12:9-11 Why were the chief priests jealous? \_\_\_\_\_

[3D] John 12:11-19 When did Jesus enter Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

[3E] John 12:20-26 What must we do to serve Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[3F] John 12:27-31 What were the theories regarding the heavenly voice? \_\_\_\_\_

[3G] John 12:32-33 What kind of death is indicated by "lifted up?" \_\_\_\_\_

[3H] John 12:34-36 How can we become sons of Light? \_\_\_\_\_

[3I] John 12:37-43 Why did some fail to declare their belief publically?

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[3J] John 12:44-47 What did Jesus call Himself? \_\_\_\_\_

[3K] John 12:48-50 Whose words did Jesus speak? \_\_\_\_\_

[3L] In John 12:27-28 Jesus is tempted to pray for deliverance, but instead prays for something else? What? What can this teach us about our own prayers?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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After learning the cheers on that first Palm Sunday were for Jesus and not for him.. Doug the Donkey was embarrassed. **Jo 12:12-16**



**Lesson 3 – Jesus Death Foretold (John 12:1-50)**

[3A] John 12:1-3 What did Mary do?

Anointed Jesus feet with costly perfume and wiped the excess with her hair.

[3B] John 12:4-8 Who objected and why? Judas Iscariot, because he wanted the money

[3C] John 12:9-11 Why were the chief priests jealous? Because so many were believing in Jesus

[3D] John 12:1-19 When did Jesus enter Jerusalem? 5 days before Passover John 12:1 and 12:12

[3E] John 12:20-26 What must we do to serve Jesus? Follow Him

[3F] John 12:27-31 What were the theories regarding the heavenly voice? Thunder and angels speaking

[3G] John 12:32-33 What kind of death is indicated by "lifted up?"

Crucifixion or hanging by the neck, but they didn't do that then

[3H] John 12:34-36 How can we become sons of Light? Believe in the light

[3I] John 12:37-43 Why did some fail to declare their belief publically?

Because they loved the approval of people more than that of God

[3J] John 12:44-47 What did Jesus call Himself? A Light into the world

[3K] John 12:48-50 Whose words did Jesus speak? The Father Himself

[3L] Instead of praying, "Father, save Me from this hour," Jesus prays, "Father, glorify Your name." I think if we will decrease our prayers about ourselves, our troubles, our concerns, our relationships, and our comfort, and increase our prayers about His glory, His victory, His purposes, His people and His desires, we will see a huge increase in our prayer power.

1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14 "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything *according to His will*, He hears us."

**For Further Thought:**

(3m) The chief priests and Pharisees were angry because Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 12:9-11, John 12:19) Wouldn't it have made more sense for them to make friends with Jesus? What was wrong with these people?

(3n) What does John 12:24 mean?

(3o) Compare John 12:25 with Matthew 10:39, Matthew 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24, Luke 17:33. What did you learn?

(3p) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?

(3q) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?

(3r) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?

