

Digging Deeper: John 10:1–21, The Healing at the Pool at the Sabbath

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Day 1: Read all the verses (John 10 1–21) at once today. Today, our focus is on prayer for us to know our Good Shepherd. Read also Psalm 23, and focus on this verse: “The Lord is my Shepherd.” Now look up information about shepherds during New Testament times. What three to four things stand out about how they cared for their sheep. Now, how does this help you in knowing the love of Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

Day 2: Read John 10:1–6. Today, focus on and pray about knowing the true Shepherd. Scripture makes clear false shepherds (robbers) will attempt to enter the sheepfold where the sheep are. Scripture makes it clear that the sheep will only hear the voice of the true Shepherd and will not follow the false. How can you be sure today that you are following the true Shepherd? Where is all truth found?

Day 3: Read John 10:7–9. Today, our focus is on what it means to be saved. Read Ezekial 34: 11–16, which speaks to the sheep being called out and saved by the Shepherd. Your task today is to preach the saving Gospel of Christ to yourself. Consider Ephesians 2:1–10. Why would God save you? Spend time in humble amazement and love for our Lord!

Day 4: Read John 10:10. Today, we face an amazing study in contrasts. Who is the thief? Refer back to day 1. Who is the thief? How will you know him? Who is empowering the thief? One sin leads to death and eternal punishment. On the other side is our Lord. Read Romans 5:13–21. How does God bring us life and life abundantly? Study the Greek word for “abundant” (π ε ρ ι σ σ ε υ ω) “perisso”. What definitions do you find? Are you indeed living the abundant life?

Day 5: Read John 10:11–15. Today, our focus is on the Good Shepherd laying His life down for His sheep. Find four different scripture passages that reflect this great truth. Study these. Meditate on them. What truth is our Lord showing you in His Holy Word today? Today, spend time in worship and adoration for the price paid for our sin.

Day 6: Read John 10:16–21. Today, we will focus on our Lord’s volitional laying down of His life for His sheep. Read Philippians 2:1–11—Christ’s example of humility. Make three observations about these passages. Meditate on them. Today, consider what this teaches us about living a life of humility? What do you need today to humble yourself before the Chief Shepherd? Pray about what you’ve learned this week and for tomorrow’s service.