
There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study*: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

S — Is there a *sin* for me to avoid or confess?

P — Is there a *promise* from God for me to claim?

E — is there an *example* for me to follow?

C — Is there a *command* for me to obey?

K — How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit?

Use this area to write down any thoughts you may have and to develop an action plan for implementing them into your life.

Are there *principles* to guide?

Are there *warnings* to heed?

Are there *attitudes* to adopt?

Are there *actions* to take?

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* *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (with additions) & Matthew 7:1-5.

Who is Jesus? – The Gospel of John

Chapter 10

10:1-6 – *Jesus introduces the sheepfold illustration*

- a continuation of ch 9 and the contrast of the Pharisees & the man born blind who was put out of the synagogue and found by Jesus.
- Sheepfold held many sheep of various owners.
- Only someone who was up to no good would enter by a way other than the door.
- The doorkeeper only lets the shepherds in to the fold.
- The sheep only follow the voice of their shepherd.
- The shepherd leads the sheep out.

10:7-10 – *"I Am" the door of the Sheep*

- Jesus is the "door" to God & abundant life
- Everyone else are thieves and robbers
 - Jeremiah 23:1-2; Ezekiel 34:1-2; Acts 5:36-37;
- Other Sheep
 - Genesis 12:3, 18:14, 22:18, 26:4; Isaiah 11:10, 54:1-3, 60:1-3; Hosea 1:10; Malachi 1:11; Psalm 72
- Wiersbe¹ – When you go through "the Door," you receive life and you are saved. As you go "in and out," you enjoy abundant life in the rich pastures of the Lord. His sheep enjoy fullness and freedom. Jesus not only gave His life *for* us, but He gives His life *to* us right now!

10:11-18 – *"I Am" the Good Shepherd*

- Jesus is the good shepherd who willingly gives His life for the sheep
- **Wiersbe**² – Under the old dispensation, the sheep died for the shepherd; but now the Good Shepherd dies for the sheep!
- **Wiersbe** – Relationship of the Good Shepherd to the Sheep³
 - "He has a *loving* relationship because He died for the sheep, as well as a *living* relationship because He cares for the sheep. It is also a *lasting* relationship, for He keeps His sheep and not one is lost."

10:19-21 – *Jesus causes division*

- Jesus is always a source of controversy. You have to make a choice regarding Jesus

1 (Wiersbe 330) on John 10.

2 (Wiersbe 330) on John 10.

3 (Wiersbe 332) on John 10

- **C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity***⁴ – I am trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him (Jesus): 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

10:22-30 – Jesus' identity is sought

- Feast of Dedication, a few months later from the Feast of Booths (ch 7)
- People are still seeking to know if He is the Messiah
- Jesus' sheep don't need to ask because they know
- "I and the Father are one" – Deuteronomy 6:4

10:31-39 – Jesus' relation to the Father

- Again the religious leaders seek to stone Jesus
- Jesus challenges their thinking
 - Why?
 - Not for works but blasphemy.
 - Psalm 82
 - Jesus' works could only be done by someone from the Father
- "I Am" the Son of God
- Jesus eludes their grasp

10:40-42 – Many believe in Jesus

- Jesus gains many disciples as a result of John's testimony being true

Chapter 11

11:1-16 – Jesus informed of Lazarus' sickness & death

- v4 is the key to this event
- stays two days longer rather than going right away
- the Disciples question the logic of returning to Judea
- Difference between sleep and death

- Thomas' dedication (20:24-29)

11:17-27 – Jesus met by Martha

- v21-22 show Martha's faith in Jesus
- v24 refers to the future resurrection of all
- "I Am" the resurrection and the life

11:28-37 – Jesus met by Mary

- Mourners thought Mary was going to the tomb
- Jesus' compassion is evident for those grieving the loss of Lazarus
- Questions concerning Jesus' ability to perform miracles to save Lazarus

11:38-44 – Jesus at the tomb

- Martha believed Jesus could ask of God anything was still concentrating on the physical – "by this time there will be a stench"
- **Wiersbe**⁵ – True faith relies on God's promises and thereby releases God's power.
- Jesus gives glory to the Father, calls Lazarus to come forth
- He Does!

11:45-46 – Many believed; Others informed the Pharisees

- Two responses to Jesus: some Believe or some Inform

11:47-53 – The Conspiracy to Kill Jesus

- Caiaphas prophesied of Jesus death, one man for all – 1 Peter 3:18

11:54 – Jesus limits His public appearances

- Jesus withdraws from the public

11:55-57 – Anticipation of the Passover (Jesus' last)

- Many were looking for Jesus
 - Pharisees were looking to seize Jesus
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⁴ (Lewis 36)

⁵ (Wiersbe 337) on John 11