

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 30--John 10

Intro: In this chapter John records two other discourses of Jesus--the first to the masses in which he compares His relationship to them with that of the Pharisees. He is the good shepherd; they are thieves and robbers. In the second discourse Jesus answers the challenges of the Pharisees who look for occasion to kill Him. Again He clearly claims to be God's Son.

Lesson aim: To understand Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd of God's fold

Jesus claims to be the good shepherd--John 10:1-21

1. What did Jesus say about the one who entered the fold of sheep by some other way than the door? (v. 1)
2. How did Jesus say the true shepherd enters the fold? (v. 2)
3. How did the Jesus indicate that the sheep would react to the two kinds of men? (v. 3-5)
4. What is Jesus saying in these figurative expressions? About Himself? About Israel's false shepherds?
5. What did Jesus claim to be? (v. 9) In what way do God's sheep enter the fold through Jesus?
6. How did Jesus indicate His love for the sheep? (v. 10-11) The thief comes to do what? (v. 10)
7. What is a hireling? (v. 12) What is his reaction when God's sheep are attacked by wolves? (v. 13)
8. Who are the "other sheep" of which Jesus speaks? (v. 16) Where would all God's sheep be? Who would be over them?
9. Would Jesus' life be taken from Him or given away? (v. 17) Whose command was Jesus obeying in this? (v. 18)

The Pharisees look for fault--John 10:22-39

1. What did the Pharisees want Jesus to say? (v. 24) Why?
2. Had Jesus told them He was the Christ? (v. 25) How?
3. How did Jesus describe His true sheep? (v. 27) What blessings did He promise to them? (v. 27-28)
4. Jesus' ability to protect His sheep was in accord with the Father's own ability. How did Jesus express this idea of unity of nature with the Father? (v. 29-30)
5. How did the Jews react to Jesus' claim? (v. 31-33)
6. How did Jesus defend His claim to be "the son of God" from Scripture? (v. 34-36)
7. To what did Jesus appeal to support His claim to be God's Son? (v. 37-39)

A short period of ministry beyond the Jordan--John 10:40-42

1. What conclusions did those who had heard John reach about Jesus? (v. 40-42)