

## Gospel of John

### Study Questions

#### **Chapter 10:**

1. According to Jesus's allegory in John 10, what **two distinct roles** does He claim for Himself in relation to the sheep and the fold, and how does the text explain the significance of each role?
2. How does the text interpret Jesus's claim, "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" (John 10:1)? Specifically, whom does Jesus's inference target?
3. In the allegory, who is identified as the **"fold"** in John 10, and why does the commentary argue against the Church being the intended meaning at that point in history?
4. Jesus states, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **gives His life for the sheep**" (John 10:11). What other figure is contrasted with the "Good Shepherd" in this passage, and what is the key difference in their relationship to the sheep?
5. What powerful claim does Jesus make regarding His death and resurrection in verses 17-18, and what theological puzzle arises from this claim when compared with other New Testament passages about the resurrection?
6. Explain the significant difference between the two statements: "You are not my sheep because you do not believe" and Jesus's actual statement, "You do not believe **because you are not of My sheep**" (John 10:26). What theological concept does the text say Jesus's statement supports?
7. The Jews sought to stone Jesus after He said, "**I and My Father are one**" (John 10:30). According to the text, how did the Jewish leaders interpret this claim, and what does this interpretation signify about Jesus's self-identity?
8. In His defense against the charge of blasphemy, Jesus cites a verse from the Jewish law (Psalm 82:6: "I said, 'You are gods'"). What is the **thrust of Jesus's argument** based on this Old Testament quote?
9. Jesus reassures His followers with the promise of **eternal life and total security** (John 10:28-29). What two powerful agents are mentioned as holding the sheep securely, and what does this combined protection suggest about their safety?
10. At the Feast of Dedication, the Jews ask Jesus, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." How does the text characterize the Jewish leaders' state, and what does it suggest about the **amount of evidence** Jesus had already provided?