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John 10:7-18

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

7 Jesus spoke again, “I am telling you the truth: **I** am the Gate for the sheep. 8 All those who came before **ME** were either robbers or bandits, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. 9 **I** am the Gate. If anyone will go in through **ME**, he will be saved. He may come in and go out as he pleases and find plenty to eat. 10 Why does the robber come? Only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came, so that they might have life — to the fullest!

11 “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives his own life for the sheep. 12 A man who has been hired is not really a shepherd. The sheep do not belong to him. When he sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. The wolf catches them and scatters them. 13 The man doesn’t care about the sheep, because he is a hired man. 14 **I** am the Good Shepherd. I know **MY** followers, and **MY** followers know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and **I** know my Father. I will give my life for the sheep. 16 But I have some other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must lead them, too. They will listen to my voice. Then they will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 Do you know why my Father loves me? Because, **I** will give my life, so that I may take it back. 18 No one takes it away from **ME**. **I** am giving it of my own free will. I have the authority to give it, and I have the authority to take it back. I received this order from my Father.”