



2022-5-29 The Only Voice That Matters

John 10:1-21

One Couldn't Help But Ask

- Jesus is commenting about the Jewish leaders when He says there are those who enter the sheepfold but do not enter by way of the door and that they are like thieves or robbers. What are examples of the false means by which they entered and gained access to the sheep (people)? What does it mean to enter through the door?
- Jesus uses the story of the shepherd, the doorkeeper and the sheep because it is a known trade of the time with known characteristics but, His disciples do not understand the lesson He is teaching them (see v-6). What does this say about their ability to hear their shepherds voice?
- Jesus says that "All who came before me are thieves and robbers but the sheep did not hear them." Who is He referring to as "All" and who are the sheep that didn't hear them?
- The Greek word for 'abundance,' perissos means an amount that includes a surplus. What does this tell us about our abundant earthly life?

The Take Aways

- The image of the good shepherd vs the thieves and robbers is clearly made visible for all who have eyes to see when we see that Jesus, the good shepherd, healed the blind man, a sheep, and he went on his way with abundantly more than he expected. He gain more than his sight. He believed in Jesus and gained received his salvation.

The Jewish leaders were more concerned that Jesus had healed his blindness on the sabbath day and that was against the law. They had not healed him to date nor were they concerned on this day. They were blinded to the needs of the people by their lust for power and status.

Even the disciples missed the point and were more concerned about whose sin caused his blindness. This should concern us lest we fall into the same trap. We too

need to concern ourselves less with who people are and focus on what Jesus would have them be.

- In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1:1.
The proof of the strength of God's Word, the Bible, to those He loves and who love Him is, the 3,000+ years they have been attracted by, learned from and clung to it.

They know the sound of His voice even when they can only read it and hear it in their heart.

Those who are His sheep know the sound of His voice, the words of Jesus through His inspired word, the Bible.

- If we abide in Him, He will provide everything we need for this temporary life in abundance. We may not live long, perfectly healthy or completely happy lives on earth but we will have the joy of knowing that we are going to a better life with the good shepherd that will last forever.

An invitation to join us

This study guide is provided in the hope that others will be moved to consider the sermon, let their mind wander to questions it might raise and thoughts they wish to remember and apply to their personal life. If anyone reading the guide cares to ask a question or share their thoughts regarding the subject, please e-mail the authors at mensbreakfast@therivercolorado.org . If you would like to participate in the building of the study guide, please let us know and we'll make provisions to have you join us via phone and/or Zoom