

# **TRUE AND FALSE SHEPHERDS**

## **JOHN 10:1-10**

### **I. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE SHEPHERDS (10:1-5)**

- A. You Can Tell Them Apart By The Way They Attempt To Get Into The Fold (10:1-2;8-9)
  - 1. False Shepherds Gain Access To The Sheep Stealthily (10:1)
    - a. They Are Described As Those Who Came Before Christ (10:8a)
    - b. They Are Described As Those Whom The Genuine Sheep Refused To Hear (10:8b)
  - 2. True Shepherds Gain Access Through The Divinely Ordained Means (10:2,9)
    - a. Divinely Ordained Shepherds Enter In through The Proper Door (10:2)
    - b. The Ultimate Shepherd Is Himself, Also The Door
- B. You Can Tell Them Apart By The Relationship That Exists Between Them And True Sheep (10:3-5,10)
  - 1. True Sheep Do Not Recognize The Voice Of Strangers And Consequently Will Refuse To Follow A False Shepherd (10:5)
  - 2. True Sheep Do Recognize The Voice Of The True Shepherd (10:3-4)

### **II. THE BENEFITS OF RECOGNIZING THE TRUE SHEPHERD (10:9-10)**

- A. Lush Pasture (10:9)
- B. Abundant Life (10:10)