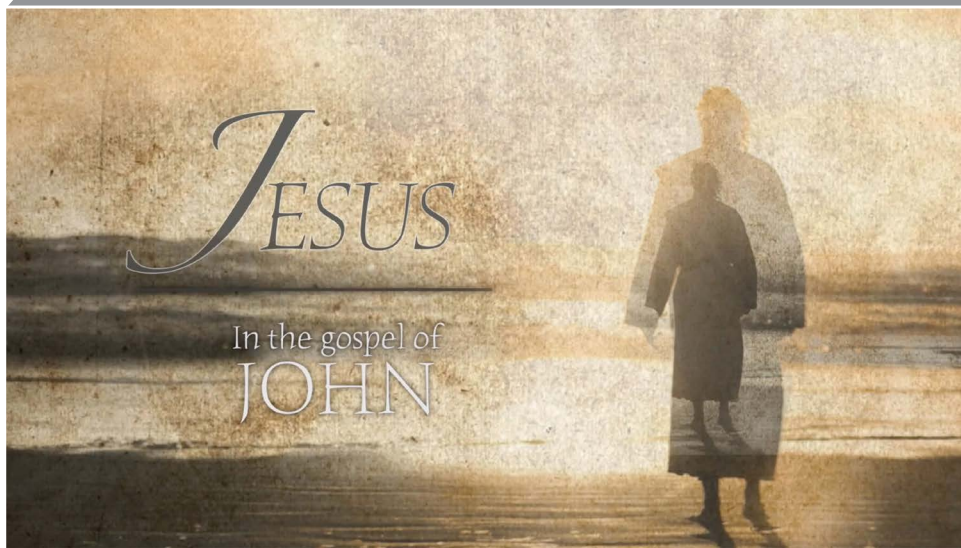




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Shepherds and Sheep

— JOHN 10 —

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.” (John 8:54-58)

The Feast of Dedication - As a result of severe persecution and pagan oppression, a group of four Jewish brothers led by Judah Maccabee decided to raise up an army of religious freedom fighters. These men of fierce faith and loyalty to God became known as the Maccabees. The small band of warriors fought for three years with “strength from heaven” until achieving a miraculous victory and deliverance from Greco-Syrian control.

After regaining the Temple, it was cleansed by the Maccabees, cleared of all Greek idolatry, and readied for rededication. The rededication of the Temple to the Lord took place in the year 165 BC, on the 25th day of the Hebrew month called Kislev.

Hanukkah is called the Feast of Dedication because it celebrates the Maccabees' victory over Greek oppression and the rededication of the Temple. But Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights, and this is because immediately following the miraculous deliverance, God provided another miracle of provision.

I. _____ are not shepherds, John 10:5.

II. and are not shepherds, John 10:8, 10.

A. Thieves and robbers do four things.

B. Jesus is the Shepherd, John 10:9, 11.

C. How am I shepherding? Psalm 78:70 (Heart); Proverbs 27:23 (Motive).

III. _____ are not shepherds, John 10:12, 13.

IV. is the model Shepherd, John 10:13-18.

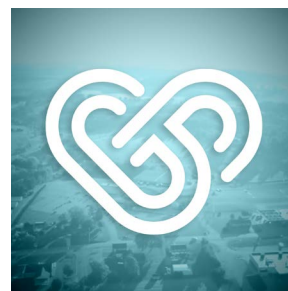
**A. Inside the walled fortress or out in green pastures,
the shepherd knows where his sheep are located.**

B. The shepherd will seek the lost sheep, Luke 15:4, 5.

C. The Shepherd accepts all people, Luke 15:17, 20-22.

D. The Shepherd at the Door, John 10:9.

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