

Whose Sheep Are You?

Introduction

Hear the Words of the Master

Jesus knows You

Jesus does not know wicked people

Are you following Him?

Memorial Day Honor

Text:

[Jhn 10:14-16 KJV] 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd.

[Jhn 10:27 KJV] 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Here the Words of the Master

[Jhn 10:27 KJV] 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Your Testimony Can Be Helpful

[Jhn 10:41-42 KJV] 41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. 42 And many believed on him there.

[Jhn 10:41 NLT] 41 And many followed him. "John didn't perform miraculous signs," they remarked to one another, "but everything he said about this man has come true."

These were not His Sheep.

[Jhn 10:33-38 NLT] 33 They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God." 34 Jesus replied, "It is written in your own Scriptures that God said to certain leaders of the people, 'I say, you are gods!' 35 And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered. So if those people who received God's message were called 'gods,' 36 why do you call it blasphemy when I say, 'I am the Son of God'? After all, the Father set me apart and sent me into the world. 37 Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. 38 But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father."

Jesus Knows You

[Jhn 10:14 KJV] 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine.

[Psa 50:11 KJV] 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field [are] mine.

He will Not know a wicked person or a person who is not ready.

[Psa 101:4 KJV] 4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked [person].

[Luk 13:27 NLT] 27 And he will reply, 'I tell you, I don't know you or where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil.'

[Luk 13:22-27 KJV] 22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 24 **Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.** 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity.

[Mat 25:11-13 KJV] 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Public Attitude vs a Private Attitude. God knows Both sides. We call them Hypocrites.

Examples: Fallen Evangelists, pastors, and other leaders

[Mat 15:7-8, 18-19 KJV] 7 [Ye] hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. ... 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

[Mat 22:18 KJV] 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, [ye] hypocrites?

[Mat 23:25 KJV] 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Jesus Understood people.

[Jhn 2:25 KJV] 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

We must also understand, the lost are blinded by our Father because of their choices.

Understand the Challenge (Lost and do not want to be found)

[Jhn 12:37 KJV] 37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

[Mat 11:25 KJV] 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (Human wisdom alone will never locate the Lord.)

It was prophesied people would be blinded to spiritual matters.

Jhn 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart;

that they should not see with [their] eyes, nor understand with [their] heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

[Jhn 12:37-41 NLT] 37 But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him. 38 This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted: "LORD, who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?" 39 But the people couldn't believe, for as Isaiah also said, 40 "The Lord has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts--so that their eyes cannot see, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and have me heal them." 41 Isaiah was referring to Jesus when he said this, because he saw the future and spoke of the Messiah's glory.

Some Christians hide their faith.

41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. 42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; **but because of the Pharisees they did not confess [him], lest they should be put out of the synagogue:** 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. 44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Consequences to Not Confessing Christ

[Jhn 9:22 KJV] 22 These [words] spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

[Mat 10:32-33 KJV] 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

[2Co 4:3 KJV] 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

Follow Jesus

[Mat 16:24 KJV] 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Jesus told his disciples to follow him and he often gave reasons.

[Mat 4:19] And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

They had seen the miracles of Jesus.

Show Jesus to others.

[Luk 9:59-60 KJV] 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Matthew Arose and Followed Him.

[Mat 9:9 KJV] 9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

Deny yourself, Take up your cross, and follow Him.

[Mat 16:24 KJV] 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

[Mat 16:24 NLT] 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.

Take Up Your Cross

[Luk 9:22 KJV] 22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

[Rom 8:17 KJV] 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together.

[2Ti 2:12 KJV] 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us:

Paul found out How Much He would Suffer for the name of Christ

[Act 9:15-16 NIV] 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

The rich young ruler who thought he was ready.

Jesus loved this man. [Mar 10:21 KJV] 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

You cannot Follow Jesus Your way. Serve Him

[Jhn 12:26 KJV] 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour.

To love one's life here and now—to concentrate on one's own success—is to lose what matters.

Follow Him Not Yourself

[Eze 13:3 KJV] 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

Don't Get Side-tracked by focusing on what others are doing.

Peter asking about John. [Jhn 21:21-22 KJV] 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what [shall] this man [do]? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what [is that] to thee? follow thou me.

The Leadership of Christ is Awesome!

[1Pe 5:7 KJV] 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

[Mat 11:29 KJV] 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.