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*The Gospel of*  
**JOHN**  
*"Come and See"*

**John 10:1-21**

**August 14, 2022**

**The Excellent Shepherd**

# Surface & Depth

Over and over Jesus artistically describes a powerfully deep truth with surface level images. Sometimes people get it. Usually they don't.

Wine

Celebration

THE Wedding

“Poured Out”

Bread

Full Bellies

Full Hearts

“Broken for You”

Healer

Physical

New Creation

Resurrection

Walking on Water

Living Water

Rabbi

## John 10

<sup>1</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

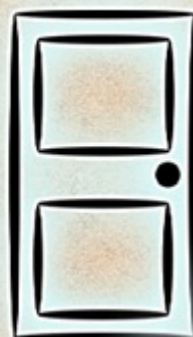
<sup>19</sup> There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup> Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?”

<sup>21</sup> Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”





**Light of the World**  
**John 8:12**



**Door**  
**John 10:9**



**Bread of Life**  
**John 6:35**

**I Am's**

**Good Shepherd**  
**John 10:11**



**Resurrection**  
**& Life**  
**John 11:25**



**Way, Truth, Life**  
**John 14:6**



**Vine**  
**John 15:1**

Jesus' "I AMs" reveal how  
***HE IS & HE BRINGS***  
a unique solution  
to one of our deepest needs

1. The Shepherd's Sheep
2. The Excellent Shepherd
3. The Abundant Flock



# Prodigal Sheep

**Valuable and Vulnerable**

**From Outside**

**From Inside**

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**Dependent Followers**

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Beautiful, Excellent,  
Surpassing, Precious

**Provide**



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**Protect**

1 Samuel 17

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.

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“A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats.”

Either from Charles Spurgeon or his student Archibald Brown, 1889

# **THE** Excellent Shepherd

Abraham, Moses and David



# The Door

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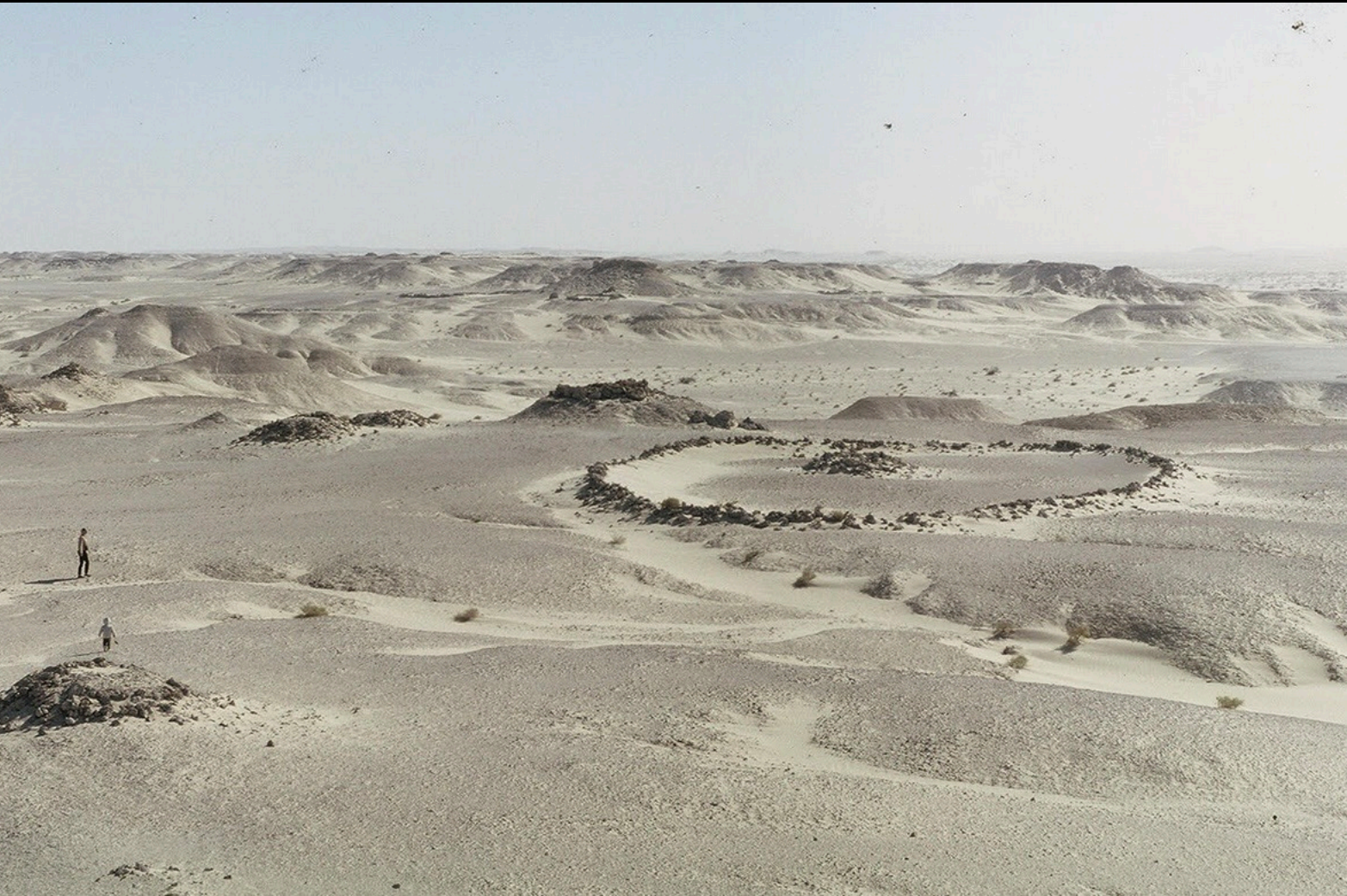
















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**and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.**



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Abundant Life =  
Ridiculously Excessive;  
Overflowing Joy;  
Immersed in \_\_\_\_\_



Roen Horn  
Live Forever, Miserably

# Life Abundant

Who He Is

What He Does

Who We Are

What We Do

Good Shepherd

Provides

Led & Fed

Follow/Graze



# Life Abundant



Who He Is

What He Does

Who We Are

What We Do

Good Shepherd

Provides

Led & Fed

Follow/Graze

The Gate

Protects

Safe

Rest

# Life Abundant

<sup>3b</sup> (Jesus) calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

- Security, Peace, Comfort
- Free to roam and enjoy

BENEDICTION SLIDE