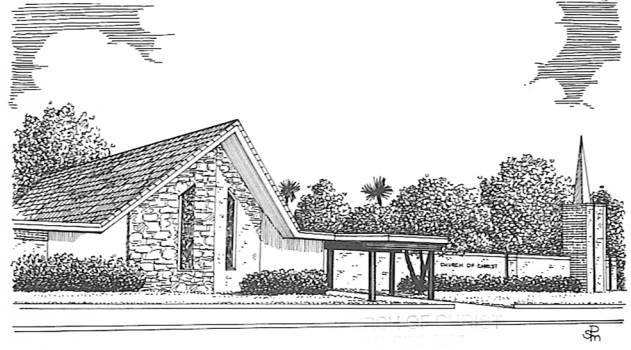


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A HARD SAYING: *JUST ONE DOOR!*

John 10:9

Sheep pens in Jesus' era were constructed with a single, narrow opening. This allowed the gatekeeper to control which animals got in or out. When allowed by the gatekeeper, shepherds could call to their flocks, who would respond only to the voice of their own shepherd. Jesus has used this well-known concept to explain His ministry to His religious critics. This verse continues the second of three analogies related to shepherding.

Here, again, Jesus identifies Himself with that unique and necessary "door." So far as this metaphor goes, Jesus means He is the gatekeeper: the person who controls access to the pen. He is also the opening, the single means by which the sheep can move in or out. This language reflects the nature of God, as Moses heard from the burning bush (Exodus 3:14).

This analogy brings several layers of meaning. First, only through the door can the sheep "be saved." This uses a Greek term, *sōthēsetai*, whose root implies something being kept safe, healed, or rescued from destruction. This is dramatic terminology for literal sheep, though the pen was their best protection from wild animals. Jesus' statement, then, is unusually direct in its spiritual implications. **Jesus is that door, and the only door, an idea often repeated in the New Testament (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).**

Closely related to this, the door—Jesus—is what separates all sheep into two basic groups. **Sheep are either "in" or "out;" they are "saved" or "unsaved." There are no other categories and no other options.** This, also, supports the New Testament's consistent teaching that Jesus Christ is the one and only means by which any person can be eternally saved.

Some interpreters also see this as a reference to Jesus leading people out of Judaism and into its intended fulfillment of Christianity.

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To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



Greetings and welcome to all! Remembering that "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1), let us joyfully praise the Lord our God.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)."

Pray for our Church family:

Please continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Byron Isaac, Brenda Jones, Roy McDonald, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Prayers for our Family & Friends:

Please continue prayers for Nilene's brother, Wayne Duncan who continues to recover from surgery, for David's brother Steve who is recovering from knee surgery; for Amy Miller's father as he continues to recover from a stroke, for Tammy D'Arcy as she continues treatment for breast cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Keith and Lisa Britton, Kerry Britton, Kathy's husband Kevin, Mary Fields, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First Responders Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K (EMT), Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (Patrol Officers).

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusinbury, Kathy's family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Holy Father, we praise You and thank You for the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. May we strive to live a worthy life because of what Jesus has done for us. In Him. Amen.

Power For Today: Bill Henegar; 1/4/2024

Read: Genesis 22:8-14

News & Notes:

Please continue to keep Mae in your prayers as she continues to struggle with shingles.

Potluck Sunday! Our next potluck is scheduled for November 3rd following worship service, please join us for this time of fellowship. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert.

The Community Food Bank: Peanut Butter and Ramen packs are where the greatest need is at this time. Other non-perishable items are: soups, canned vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans, canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce and quart size storage bags. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

In Search of the Lord's Way

Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

Scripture Reading: John 10:7-16

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I might bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Sermon Title: "One Gate, One Shepherd"

Birthdays:

Mario Fuentes: 10/1

Bible Study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Worship Order

Welcome/Opening Prayer

989: Soon and Very Soon (1-3)

382: Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (1-3)

Communion & Offering: Marl 14"22-25

166:He's My King (1-3)

Brief Intermission

1014: Jesus Loves Me (1-3)

Sermon

934: Softly and Tenderly (1, 2 & 4)

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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