

WORKSHOP 300

PATTERNS in “I AM THE GATE AND I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD” – John 10:1-21

John 9:35-41:

Context informs and gives deeper meaning to “I AM the Gate and Good Shepherd”

- There is a link between the healing of the blind man and the Good Shepherd.

Conflict with Jewish leaders

- John 9:35 - The rejection of the healing of the blind man by the Pharisees who drove him out.
- John 9:39-41- A conflict with the Jewish leaders regarding spiritual blindness.

Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16:

Familiar Old Testament connection

- Passage in Ezekiel about shepherds was familiar to all Jews, referring to failures of the “Shepherds of Israel” and God as the True Shepherd.

John 10:1-6:

BELIEF in God and Jesus as one

- John 10:3-4 - Jesus describes the good shepherd and his relationship with the sheep.
- John 10:5 - The sheep recognize the shepherds who are thieves and strangers and do not follow.
- In John, belief in Jesus is the “work” of the Jewish Christians.

John 10:7-18:

BELIEF in God and Jesus as one

- John 10:7-10 – Those entering by the Jesus the gate will be saved, will find community, and will experience abundant life.
- John 10:11,14 – As the Good Shepherd, Jesus is the True Shepherd.
- John 10:14-15 – “To know Jesus” is to have a relationship with him.

Reference to the future

- John 10:15-18 - Jesus is ready to lay down his life for his sheep.

John 10:19-21:

Conflict with Jewish leaders

- John presents a vivid contrast between Jewish leaders and Jesus. Who is it that is shepherding the people in a positive way? Who has authority from God?

PATTERNS in “I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE” - John 11:1-54

Context for I AM the Resurrection and the Life informs and gives deeper meaning to this I AM

- Raising of Lazarus (John 11:38-44)
- This whole section is intended to reflect the coming death and resurrection of Jesus.

Familiar Old Testament connection

- Resurrection was a belief of the Pharisees and scribes.

John 11:1-6:

Reference to the future

- John 11:2 – Mary has not yet anointed Jesus and wiped his feet.
- John 11:4 – Purpose of waiting to go to Lazarus is to reflect God’s glory and the Son will be glorified through it.

John 11:7-16:

Reference to the future

- John 11:7-9 – Despite warnings from his disciples, Jesus knowingly heads towards Jerusalem where his enemies are.

BELIEF in Jesus as God; BELIEF is the work of Christians

- John 11:9-10 – Those who see the light of this world do not stumble.
- John 11:15 - “For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe....”

John 11:17-27:

BELIEF in Jesus as God

- Resurrection *AND* Life are two different things:
 - There is an effect that believing in Jesus has on the believer’s death
 - and there is an effect that believing in Jesus has on the believer’s life.
- John 11:25-27 – Martha declares she believes Jesus is the Messiah.

John 11:28-37 (skipping 11:38-44)

John 11:45-54:

Conflict with Jewish leaders

- John 11:45-52 - Jewish leaders met after Lazarus was raised to discuss what to do about Jesus. The raising of Lazarus was the motivation to kill Jesus.
- John 11:53 - “So from that day on they planned to put him to death.”