

Personal / Small Group Sermon Study

Jesus: Do You Know Him?

Week of September 2, 2018 A.D.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." Do you know Jesus? Or, do you only know about Him? That is the discussion for this lesson.

Read John 10:14-16

1. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Jesus is the Jewish messiah. The Jews are the "sheep of this sheep pen" mentioned in verse 16. Therefore, any person who hates the Jewish people (the sheep of Jesus) hates Jesus."
2. Who are the "other sheep" to whom Jesus refers in verse 16? Did Jesus personally pursue and take His ministry to these "other sheep"? If so, when and how? If not, why not? Please explain your answers.

Read Matthew 15:24 and Matthew 23:37 – 39

3. Would "the Gentile church" come into existence if the "sheep of Israel" had received Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah? Please explain your answer.

Read John 10:16

4. If Jesus "was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 15:24), then how could the "other sheep that are not" Jewish "listen to my voice" (i.e. the voice of Jesus) as stated by Jesus? Please explain your answer.

Read Romans 1:16 – 17 and John 4:21 – 22

5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "If it were not for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their lineal descendants, then the entire world would be doomed to eternal condemnation without any hope of mercy or forgiveness."

Read Romans 11:13 – 21

6. Have all Jews been granted salvation and eternal life because of their heritage as God's chosen people? Please explain your answer.

7. Using Romans 11:19-21 as the context, in your opinion, is the current American church mostly (a) arrogant or (b) afraid? Does the warning of these verses apply to the church today? If so, what is that warning? If not, why not? Please explain your answers.

Read John 10:22 – 26 and John 20:30 – 31

8. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Every person who has the opportunity to acquire and/or read a Bible will be held accountable before Christ for how they responded to everything that is written in the pages of the Bible.”

Read John 10:16; 27 – 30

9. What two groups of sheep comprise the “one flock” of Jesus? How can a current/modern-day sheep “listen to (the) voice” of Jesus? If a person (a) fails to listen to Jesus, (b) refuses to listen to Jesus, or (c) chooses not to listen to Jesus, is that person one of Jesus’ sheep? Please explain your answers.

Read John 10:27 – 30

10. Which term (or terms) most accurately describes a person who has eternal life: (a) church attender, (b) Christian, or (c) follower of Christ? Please explain your answer.
11. According to these verses, how close of a relationship must a person have with Jesus in order to have eternal life? Will a person who has eternal life ever stray from: (a) listening to Jesus? or (b) following Jesus? How big is the hand of (a) the good shepherd and (b) God the Father? Are those hands big enough within which a sheep can go astray and still be held by the shepherd? Please explain your answers.

Read 1 John 5:11 – 12

12. Please explain what these verses mean to you.

Consider: Christianity is not a religion. Christianity is a personal, one-on-one relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. That relationship can exist only when a person acknowledges that Jesus died for their sins and that they are trusting in the shed blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. “You think about that.” Amen.