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How to Know the Voice of Jesus
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John 10:1-15

“The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out” (John 10:3).

In His parable, Jesus compared His followers to sheep. He compared His Heavenly Father to the gatekeeper of the sheep’s shelter. He compared himself to the gate for the shelter and to the good shepherd who would lead His sheep out and back into the shelter. Jesus said that the way into the shelter of God is through the gate, Jesus Christ, and the gatekeeper, God the Father, will open and shut the gate. For His sheep to enter, they must follow the good shepherd, Jesus Christ, and come through the gate, Jesus Christ. Jesus said that He knows His sheep and calls them by name; furthermore, His sheep know His voice and follow Him. Because they know His voice, when He calls them He leads them out of the protective sheepfold and to pasture in a hostile world where they will face thieves, robbers, and wolves. In this world and forever, Jesus’ sheep totally depend on Him to meet all their needs (lead them to pasture). They also totally depend on Him to protect them in every way He wisely can

3. What are some things God has done and does for His sheep to keep them safe?

4. Why does Jesus speak so pointedly of there being only one gate, only one flock of sheep, and only one good shepherd?

5. Why might it have been important for Jesus to teach that His Father had commanded Him to use His own power when He laid down His life in death and when He took it up again in rising from the dead?

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