



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

JOHN

The background of the image is a serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is partially obscured by clouds, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. In the foreground on the right, the dark wooden hull of a boat is visible, with a rope tied to its bow. The title card is a central, ornate graphic with a yellow-to-white gradient. It features a decorative arch at the top containing the text 'THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO', and a large, stylized central box containing the word 'JOHN' in a bold, serif font. The bottom of the card is also decorated with symmetrical scrollwork.

³Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He
who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His
pasture.

PSALMS 100:3

¹The LORD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.

PSALMS 23:1

Vs 1-6

Shepherd of the Sheep - God

Sheepfold – Nation of Israel, collectively

Sheep – The Jews as Individuals

Door Keeper – Holy Spirit who gives testimony through the scriptures, the O.T.

prophets of the true Shepherd of the sheep

Door – Is the right way to the sheep. It is the Word of God – evidence of the scriptures, that tell us who the Messiah is and what He will do to prove He is the Messiah to come and set up His Kingdom for the Sheep.

Thieves and Robbers – the Pharisees, the religious leadership who steal the sheep and kill the sheep for their own self interests.





Thief – Greek wd – κλέπτῃς – klep tace – means a thief, a cheat.

From **κλέπτω – klēptō**, *klep'-to*; a prim. verb; to filch:—to steal.[1]

Robber – Greek wd - ληστής – lēstēs – means robber; highwayman; bandit, a robber who steals by violence and threats.

³⁶But I have a greater witness than John's;
for the **works** which the **Father** has given
Me to finish—the very **works** that I
do—bear witness of Me, that the **Father**
has sent Me.

JOHN 5:36

⁴³I have come in My **Father's** name, and
you do not receive Me;

JOHN 5:43

³⁹You **search the Scriptures**, for in them
you think you have eternal life; and these
are they which testify of Me.

JOHN 5:39

The Pharisees loved wealth and extorted from the people.

¹⁴Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

LUKE 16:14

¹²Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

MATTHEW 21:12-13

The Pharisees took advantage of widows.

¹⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you devour widows'
houses, . . .

MATTHEW 23:14

The Pharisees only cared about their power and authority with the people.

⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. ⁴⁸If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and **take away both our place and nation.**”

JOHN 11:47-48

They loved prestige, the applause of men.

⁵But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

⁶They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.'

MATTHEW 23:5-7

vs 7-10

Door – Jesus: “I am the door”. He is the way into salvation which brings you into the new fold called the church and in and out of green pastures. So then Jesus brings life and more abundantly, to show the contrast from the Chief Thief, Satan, who brings death. Jesus is the door, the way, to eternal salvation to form this new fold called the church.

The Thief – Satan, the Chief Thief who comes only to steal, kill and to destroy. Thus, the Pharisees and religious leadership are doing what their father Satan, the Chief Thief is doing.

vs 11-16

Good Shepherd – Jesus: “I am the Good Shepherd”. Well, God is the Shepherd of His people, so this is another way that Jesus declares Himself to be God.

Hireling – does not care about the sheep: the Pharisees, the religious leadership.

When the wolf comes, when trouble comes, they flee.

Other sheep – Gentiles that receive Jesus.

One Flock - The Church, consisting of two sheepfolds, Jews and Gentiles.





Markings in Shetland Sheep

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¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

LUKE 2:14

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ,

ROMANS 5:1