



**January 3, 2016 | John 10:7-30**

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Discuss: What's the best New Year's resolution you've ever made and actually kept?

Jesus makes seven "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. Three of them are in chapter 10. In these statements, Jesus is revealing to the world important truths about Himself and important relational truth about Himself and us.

**Read John 10:7-21.**

[Q] What's the difference between a hired hand and a shepherd? How is what the good shepherd does specifically contrasted with what his opposite does?

[Q] Compare and contrast the *rewards* of those who walk through the door of the false shepherds with the rewards of those who walk through the door provided from heaven. Refer to Psalm 23 and John 10:7-10 in your answer.

[Q] In John 10:14-18, what do you learn about Jesus' divine knowledge and power?

**Read John 10:22-30.**

[Q] Describe the various aspects of the security of Jesus' sheep (verses 27-30). How can you rest in this security?

[Q] How does Jesus equate Himself with God the Father in verses 25, 28 and 29?

[Q] "Hearing Jesus isn't about listening, it's about believing." (Pastor Jay Abramson) When you read the Bible, do you hear Jesus' voice?\* Explain.

[Q] What are the implications in your life for reading, knowing and believing the Bible?

[Q] Look back through John 10:1-30 and find all the references to *life*. How do these references together help explain our theme verse for this John series?

*but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*  
John 20:31 (ESV)

**Pray**

...for opportunities to BLESS people who need life through Jesus:  
**B**egin with prayer, **L**isten, **E**at with, **S**erve, **S**hare your Story with those God has put in your life.

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\***Take it further:** read this article by John Piper on "How Do We Hear the Voice of Jesus?" [desiringgod.org/articles/how-do-we-hear-the-voice-of-jesus](http://desiringgod.org/articles/how-do-we-hear-the-voice-of-jesus)  
Resource used for this week's questions: *John: That You May Believe* by Katherine Nelson