



I AM the Gate



Illegitimate shepherds - You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. (Ezekiel 34.3-4)

True Shepherd - I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. (Ezekiel 34.23)

Pharisees	Jesus
Robbers, thieves, strangers	True Shepherd
Climb in some other way	Enters by the gate
Sheep don't recognize their voice	Sheep listen to/know His voice
Sheep never follow/run away	Calls sheep by name/leads them out/sheep follow
Steal, kill, and destroy	Saves sheep/gives abundant life

The Lord is my Shepherd, I will shall not:

 He makes me lie down in green pastures

- He leads me by still waters
- He leads in the right paths
- He walks with me through the dark valley
- His rod and staff comfort me
- He prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies
- He anoints my head with oil

Jesus' care for us look like: Leading us – He goes ahead of us Providing for us – sheep come in/go out from Him and find pasture; gives us life to the full Protecting us – saves us, keep watch in night as gate in sheepfold

We hear and know His voice

- Speaks through the Bible revelation of who God is, how God relates to us, how God expects us to relate to Him/each other, what God is doing in the world
- Speaks through the Holy Spirit
 - Thoughts, images, feelings
 - Can be ignored still small voice of 1Kings 19