

## Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall John 10:1-21

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### Introduction

Is 10:1 a good chapter break?

### First Telling of the Illustration (10:1-6)

10<sub>1</sub> “Amen, amen, I tell you•, the *one* who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but climbs up at another place, he is a thief and a bandit. <sub>2</sub> But the *one* who enters through the gateway is the shepherd of the sheep.

10<sub>3</sub> “To him the gatekeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them forth.

Who are the sheep?

10<sub>4</sub> “And when he has put forth his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice.

10<sub>5</sub> “But they would not follow a stranger. Rather, they will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

10<sub>6</sub> Jesus told them this story, but they did not understand the *things* He was telling them.

### Second Telling of the Illustration (10:7-19)

10<sub>7</sub> So Jesus said to them again, “Amen, amen, I tell you,• I am the gateway for the sheep.

10<sub>8</sub> “All that came *over the wall* are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.  
The correct reading: *came*, not ~~came before Me~~

10<sub>9</sub> “I am the gateway. If anyone enters through Me, he will be delivered, will come in, go out, and will find pasture.

How can Jesus be the *gate/door* here, but have the gate opened to Him (10:2-3)?

Meaning of *enters*

10<sub>10</sub> “The thief does not come, except to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so they may have life and so they may have *it* abundantly.

*Have life* = have eternal life. What does that *have eternal life abundantly* mean?

10<sub>11</sub> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his *mortal* life for the sheep.

10<sub>12</sub> But the hired *man* (not being the shepherd), does not own the sheep. He sees a wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees. So the wolf snatches them and scatters the sheep.

10<sub>13</sub> “And the hired *man* flees, because he is a hired *man* and does not care about the sheep.

10<sub>14</sub> “I am the good shepherd; I know My *own* and I am known by My *own*.

10<sub>15</sub> “As the Father knows Me, I also know the Father, and I lay down My *mortal* life for the sheep.

10<sub>16</sub> “I also have other sheep, which are not of this sheepfold [*Judea*]. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. Then it will become one flock, one shepherd.

10<sub>17</sub> “The Father loves Me for this reason: because I lay down My *mortal* life so I may again take it *up*.

10<sub>18</sub> “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down from Myself. I have authority to lay it down and I have authority to take it *up* again. I received this command from My Father.”

### **Division among the Crowd (10:19-21)**

10<sub>19</sub> Therefore division again occurred among those Judean *leaders*, because of these words.

10<sub>20</sub> Now many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you • listen to Him?”

10<sub>21</sub> Others were saying, “These are not the words of a demon-possessed *one*. A demon cannot open the eyes of blind *people*, can it?”

### **Conclusion**