The Good Shepherd
John 10:2-16 (NIRV)

A stone sheepfold with a gate where the shepherd would stay, and even sleep in the opening.

"The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep."

"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him."

"The sheep listen to his voice."

"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes on ahead of them."

"His sheep follow him because they know his voice."

"But they will never follow a stranger. In fact, they will run away from him. They don't recognize a stranger's voice."

"Jesus told this story. But the Pharisees didn't understand what he was telling them. So Jesus said again,…"

"What I'm about to tell you is true. I am like a gate for the sheep."

"All who have come before me are thieves and robbers. But the sheep have not listened to them."

"I'm like a gate."

"Anyone who enters through me will be saved."

"They will come in and go out. And they will find plenty of food."

"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

"I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."

"So when the hired man sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away."

"Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired man. He does not care about the sheep."

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me. They know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I give my life for the sheep."

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this sheep pen. I must bring them in too. They also will listen to my voice."

"Then there will be one flock and one shepherd."

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