

WE ARE HIS SHEEP / *John 10:1-2*

Jesus' love for his people is contrasted with the treatment given the people by the Jewish religious leaders of the day. That contrast would hold for any leader who attempts to use the flock of God for his or her own selfish purposes.

Religious Leaders

Self-centered (thieves and/or hired hands)

Strangers

Lead sheep away from God

Flee when danger threatens

Have no heart of compassion for the sheep

Will abandon the sheep in time of trouble

Jesus

From God, true

Knows his sheep and they recognize him

Leads sheep to God

Provides real safety and assurance (Psalm 23)

Lays down his life for the sheep (Psalm 22)

Will return for his sheep (Psalm 24)