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JESUS CHRIST Love of Christ for Us "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate,

but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand.

"The one who enters through the gate

is the shepherd of the flock;

the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice,

one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out.

"When he has brought out his flock,

he goes ahead of them,

and the sheep follow because they know his voice.

"They never follow a stranger but run away from him:

they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

"I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

"I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

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

I have come so that they may have life

and have it to the full...

"I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

"The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

He abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

"And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd."