

“Counting Sheep”
John 10:1-18
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Two different kinds of sheepfolds:

1. A village sheepfold
2. A countryside sheepfold

Five marks of the True Shepherd:

Mark #1: The True Shepherd enters by the door to the sheepfold. (v.1, 2)

Mark #2: The gatekeeper opens the door for the True Shepherd. (v.3a)

Mark #3: The sheep recognize the True Shepherd's voice. (v.3b)

Mark #4: The True Shepherd calls his sheep by name. (v.3c)

Mark #5: The True Shepherd leads and his sheep follow him. (v.3d, 4)

Question: Why would the shepherd lie down at the entrance of the countryside sheepfold?
(two reasons):

1. To keep the sheep in!
2. To keep the predators out!

Jesus is the door:

1. He is the door of salvation. (v.9)
2. He is the door to our spiritual growth and nourishment. (v.9)
3. He is the door to our spiritual satisfaction. (v.10b)