

10 . Why is verse 16 a special verse for us?

The Good Shepherd

If John's Gospel was an episode of Sesame Street it would be brought to you by the letter "I" and the number "7". In John 9 we read of the sixth of Jesus' seven signs, giving sight to a man born blind – 'signs' being the name given to the miracles that Jesus worked in these chapters.

In v.11 of this chapter Jesus makes this great claim, "I am the Good Shepherd". This is the fourth of the seven 'I am' sayings of John's Gospel account, alongside the third also contained in these verses when Jesus says, "I am the door of the sheep". They are both emphatic and exclusive statements. Clearly, they are intended to point to the claim of Jesus to be God.

Read: John 10:1-21

1. What does verse 35 of chapter 9 tell us about the difference in attitude between the Religious leaders and Jesus towards the man born blind?