
The Conflict between the Thief and the Savior

JOHN 10:10


The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

OPPOSING SIDES:

The thief and Jesus

Let's take a look at each side in this eternal conflict

- **The thief** does not come except to steal and kill and destroy.

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- ❖ We can observe the evidence first in the fall of man (Genesis 3:15)
 - ❖ If we continue to read the 4 Gospels, we can see many instances where Satan tried to destroy the ministry of Jesus and even to kill Him. Today Satan is still at work attempting to steal from and destroy the Church. (Matthew 26:31)

I PETER 5:8


- The **devil** looks around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour





On the other side of the conflict is **Jesus**.

JOHN 10:1-10

1. I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. 3. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow them because they know his voice. 5. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from them because they do not recognize a stranger's voice. 6. Jesus used this figure of speech but they did not understand what he was telling them. 7. therefore Jesus said again, I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8. all whoever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10. the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

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- ❖ What does Jesus mean when he says: that they may have life and have it to the full?
 - ❖ What is included in this full life?

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- He calls himself the Shepherd (v. 2)
 - promises to go ahead of them (v. 4)
 - calls himself the gate (v.7)
 - says he will save (v. 9)
 - says he will provide (v. 9)
 - promises to give life to the full (10)

Jesus leaves us with a warning and an offer.

