JOHN GRACE and TRUTH

"The Shepherd Messiah"

John 10:1-42

"THE SHEPHERD MESSIAH"



"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

- John 20:30-31

Who is the rightful ruler of God's people, and how can we know?

"THE UNACCEPTED MESSIAH"



1. Authentication by Daily Illustration– 10:1-6

"Truly, truly ... the shepherd of the sheep"

Multi-factor Authentication in Shepherding

Meaningful Context in Scripture for Ruling

"Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no shepherd." So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

- Numbers 27:15-18

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"Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts."

- Ezekiel 34:2-5

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2. Authentication by Double Analogy– 10:7-21

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As a Life-giving Door

As Life-giving Death and Resurrection

Who attempts to use us, and who actually cares for us?

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Volatile Political and Religious Context

Voice of Personal and Real Christ

What do you think of the voice of Jesus?

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