



## THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

Jesus said to the Jews: I say to you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. But the shepherd of the sheep enters by the gate. The keeper opens the gate to him and the sheep hear his voice; he calls each of his sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them and the sheep follow him for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, rather they will run away from him because they don't recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this comparison, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep. All who came were thieves and robbers, and the sheep did not hear them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved; he will go in and out freely and find food. The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that they may have life, life in all its fullness.

Jn 10,1-10

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Word of God is the primary  
of our spirituality  
(Sourcebook 37)

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A COMMENTARY TO THE SUNDAY  
GOSPEL FOR AND FROM  
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## REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



God knows us all by our name, knowing our weaknesses and our strengths, knowing all that we are capable of giving. He calls us to leave the sheepfold, but always following him. He goes first. He guides us with his example. Everything in our interior calls us to follow Christ, to follow the one true shepherd [Ideario 6] And the joy of meeting with him leads us to announce him to others as our Absolute [Sourcebook 9]

IT IS WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

## REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



We are called to leave the sheepfold, although by doing so we lose our comforts and security. The exit has to be via the door, which is Jesus; not following the call of those who jump the fence and do not pass through the door. In our current society there are many voices that distract us, including those that call us to live a pseudo-spirituality. Today there are many people who do not know the true shepherd, because nobody has taught them, because they have not received the first proclamation of the gospel. We are called to show Christ as the only shepherd, and to lead others to an encounter with him [Sourcebook 19] so that everyone can find salvation.

IT IS WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

## PRAYER FROM THE GOSPEL

Lord, help us to always distinguish your clear voice among all those we hear daily. Voices that call us to hold up our march with a load of things and activities that do not lead us to you. Call us to your side. Call us to walk to your step, so that we know how to be faithful witnesses of your gospel in the world, under the protecting veil of Mary. For only you know us and you love us to the end. Because we wish to be saved and to stay always with you [Sourcebook 33]. As Psalm 23 reminds us, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he leads me, he guides me to rest beside peaceful Waters, and restores my strength. He leads me on the right path, honouring his name. Although I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear nothing, for you are with me. Your rod and staff comfort me".

