

# JOHN 10:10

## Question:

**325 = QUOTATION QUESTION.** According to John's Gospel, why did Jesus come to earth?

*John 10:10 "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." (NLT)*

## King James Version:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

## New International Version:

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

## The Message:

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

## The Voice:

The thief approaches *with malicious intent*, looking to steal, slaughter, and destroy; I came to give life with joy and abundance.

## Definitions & Synonyms

**Gospel:** good news, truth, testament, fact

**Come:** arrive, appear, enter

**Thief:** crook, bandit, robber

**Purpose:** target, desire, goal, intent

**Steal:** take, cheat, remove, swipe

**Kill:** murder, slay, execute, erase

**Destroy:** crush, end, damage, ruin

**Rich:** wealthy, easy, well-off

**Satisfying:** delightful, pleasant, sweet, enjoyable

**Life:** being, existence, growth, body

## Story (John 10:1-10)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! <sup>2</sup> But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice.”

<sup>6</sup> Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, <sup>7</sup> so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved.<sup>[b]</sup> They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. <sup>10</sup> The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

In John chapter 10, Jesus had just healed a man born blind on the Sabbath. Some believed it was wrong to heal a person on the Lord's Day and Jesus defended himself a story of the Good Shepherd. In his explanation he states why he had come to earth. Jesus is our shepherd, and His purpose is the give us a rich and satisfying life.

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