

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! ² But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ 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. ⁴ After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice.”

⁶ Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, ⁷ so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved.^[b] They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ 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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