

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.”

Who is this thief?

Who comes to restore a full life?



The thief...

In this scripture the thief is the enemy of our creator God. The thief wants to have glory and power for himself by having all people worship him. As his is a selfish desire, he seeks to sow selfish desires into the human heart - anything that will prevent or stop us from being in Jesus' family, under his care and his rule. Ultimately this thief (also called the accuser or the satan) seeks to take us into his pasture, not to add to his flock but for our destruction. Oh no! 🙄

It is Jesus that warns about this thief, and it is part of his speech where he rebukes the temple leaders of his time, for many had been deceived into pursuing their own desires and framing their own truths instead of caring for and teaching the people to find contentment in God's family.



I have come ...

Who and why? Jesus declares himself as the good shepherd who has come to restore the relationship between humanity and God. Keeping with his metaphor, his pasture is one of life and life everlasting. He is the one who can restore full life to all people. In contrast to the thief, who ultimately destroys life, Jesus comes to restore life both now and forever more.

Jesus begins the work of restoration, first by inviting us to life eternal and later by resetting the world, so we get to enjoy his city and pasture (new garden of Eden) in life to come. Until then, we can discover our identity, purpose and contentment in life by asking Jesus to be our good shepherd.

Ask him to come and be your good shepherd today!