

A person is standing in a dark space, illuminated by a single, bright beam of light that shines down from above. The person is silhouetted against the light, and the beam creates a strong contrast with the surrounding darkness. The overall mood is one of hope and illumination.

THE GOSPEL OF  
**JOHN**

**The Light Shines  
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 10:1-21

**“The Good Shepherd”**

## John 10

<sup>1</sup> “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.

## John 10

<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.”



Jesus invites us to follow,  
religion coerces us to conform



## John 10

<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.

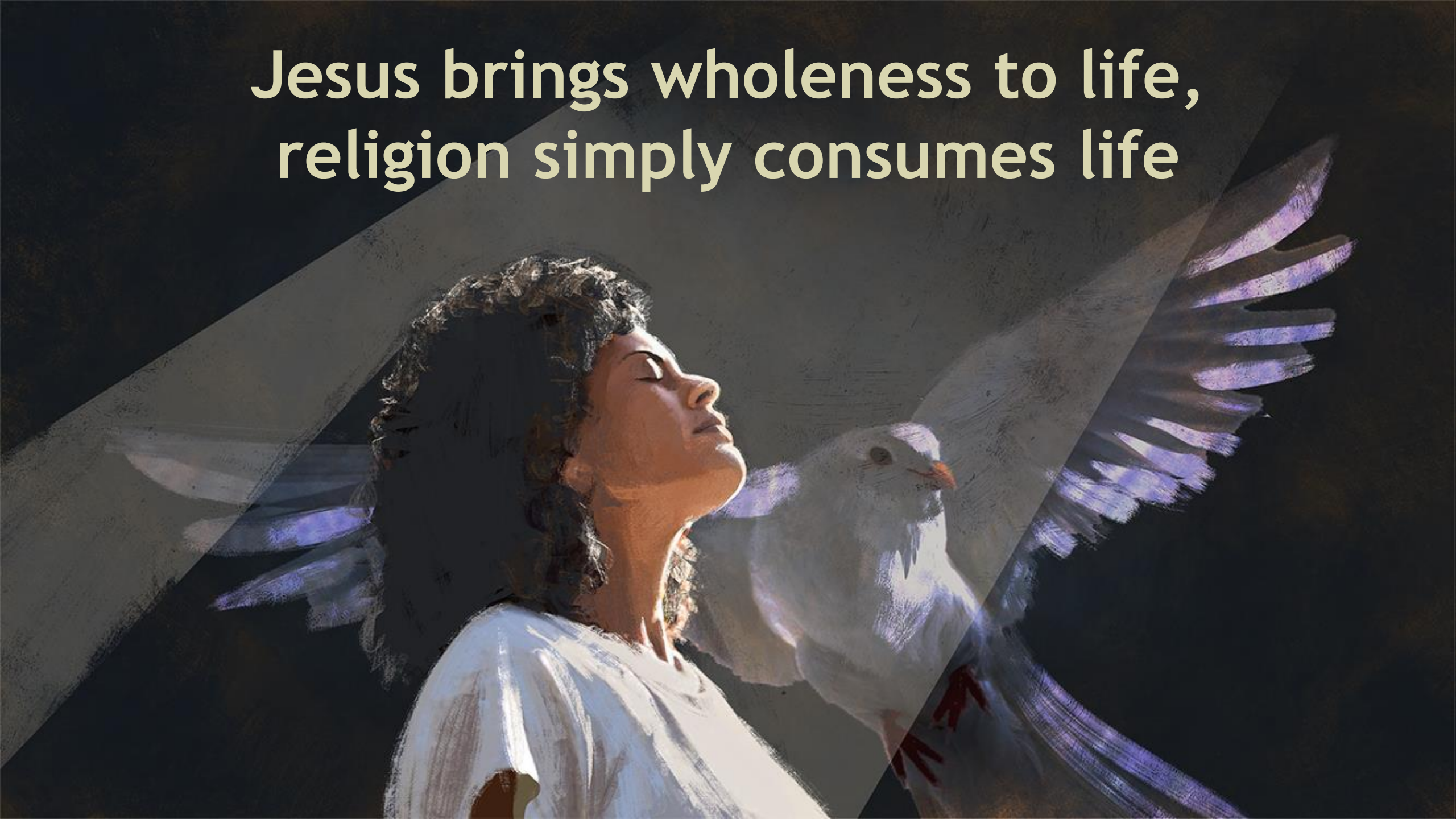
## John 10

<sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. 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.





**Jesus brings wholeness to life,  
religion simply consumes life**



## John 10

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.

## John 10

<sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, <sup>15</sup> just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.

## John 10

<sup>16</sup> I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.

## John 10

<sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.” <sup>19</sup> When he said these things, the people were again divided in their opinions about him.

## John 10

<sup>20</sup> Some said, “He’s demon possessed and out of his mind. Why listen to a man like that?” <sup>21</sup> Others said, “This doesn’t sound like a man possessed by a demon! Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Religion works for self-preservation,  
Jesus gives life through sacrificial love



A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned at the bottom of the beam, looking upwards. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large object, with the light creating a strong contrast and highlighting the person's silhouette.

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