

I am the gate



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John 10: “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

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⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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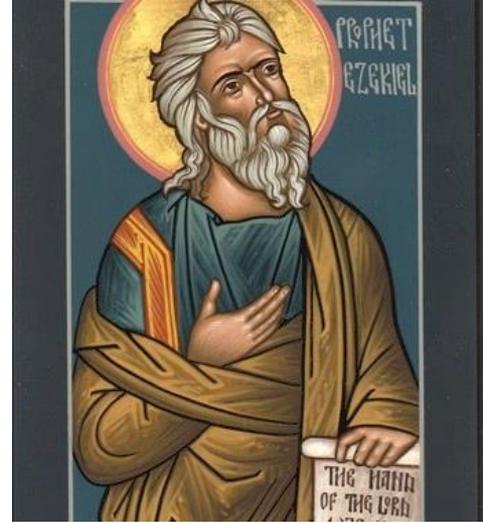
Previously in John's gospel....



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**The word of the LORD
came to me: ²“Son of
man, prophesy against
the shepherds of Israel;
prophesy and say to them**

**‘This is what the Sovereign LORD
says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel
who only take care of yourselves!
Should not shepherds take care of
the flock?’**



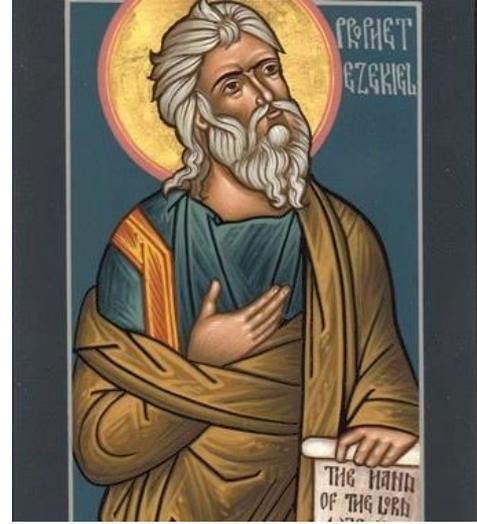
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11 'For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them'



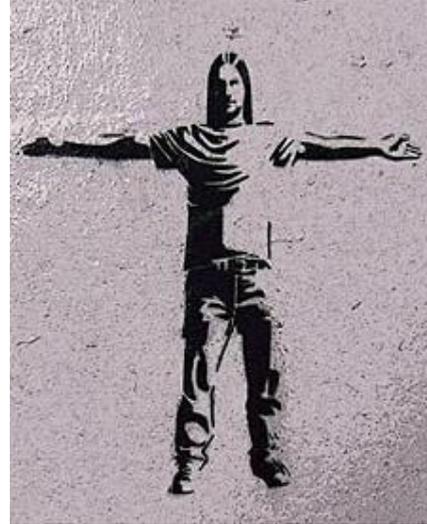
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‘**Postmodernism** was a reaction to modernism. Where modernism was about objectivity, postmodernism was about **subjectivity**. Where modernism sought a singular truth, postmodernism sought the **multiplicity of truths.**’



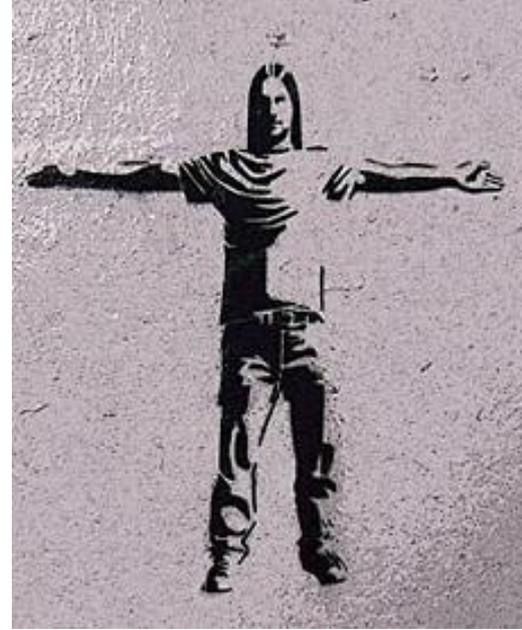
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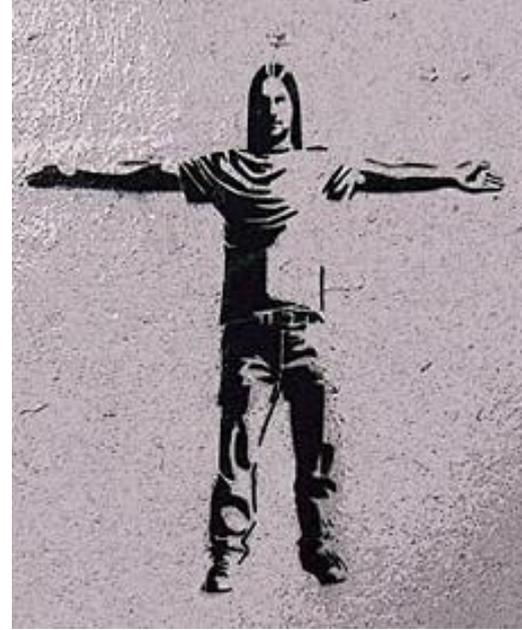
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**The blind receive sight,
the lame walk, those
who have leprosy are
cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and
the good news is
proclaimed to the poor**



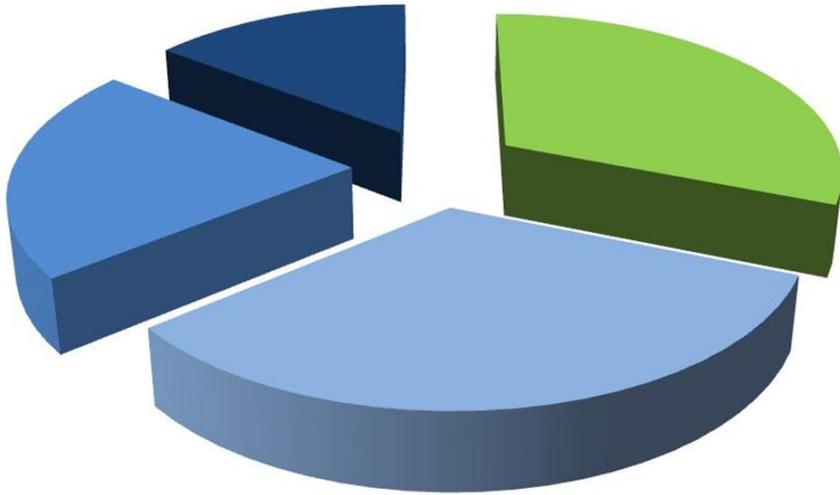
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The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free



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- Team-building, training, healing (inward)
- Ministering / healing (outward)
- Preaching (outward)
- Arguing with religious leaders (outward)

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