4th Easter Sunday is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. Traditionally the reading is from John 10:1-18, because the whole periscope discusses Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Looking to the whole of chapter 10, its central theme is faith; belief against unbelief.

When Jesus says; I have other sheep not from this flock it is often understood as the gentiles against the Jews.

There is one fold, which are then the Jews and another fold are then those who don't belong to the Jewish people.

But, even if that is a true explanation of the text, other interpretation are also possible.

Perhaps the difference of the separated folds is not between Jews and non-Jews, but could be between different Christian denominations.

Years ago it was said how Christianity counted about 12,000 different denominations, depending on what one would call a denomination.

Perhaps there are different folds with not only differences in churchman-ship, but also in how others live as people of the way.

When I was in Amsterdam, I was part of Steiger ministries, which was an outreach to punk and hard-rock, or hard-core music lovers. David Pierce started this ministry on one of the old barges moored at Steiger 14 opposite the CS in Amsterdam. It was one of the 2 barges owned by YWAM before they bought a building in Amsterdam centre. The only way to bring the gospel to that kind of people was by playing their music.

So, David begun his own band, calling it NLM meaning No Longer Music. They produced only a terrible noise in my opinion (and in David's), but it attracted the punkers and hard-rockers. The music of the sex-pistols was sheepish in comparison.

But, it worked and David got over a 100 young people of the boat to listen to his music and hear a Bible story!

Out of what we might have called insane and very un-Christian developed an outreach and Christian ministry resulting in different churches worldwide.

I helped David writing his outreach program and it were simple Bible studies under the umbrella of being part of the rock-priest fan club as it was called.

Would anyone call this type of gathering a church or a fold belonging to the flocks of Jesus Christ? Well, I would, because some developed a deep faith and great love for Jesus.

To his own surprise David became rather well known in what were then the former Russian countries, including Mongolia.

Mongolia was a closed country in those days, but David went on tour

through cities in Mongolia and played in cities were 100 of thousands of people living

in. When he left after his tour, he left the place with 3 Christians, who loved Jesus and started the fan club inviting many others to hear the gospel.

Those who heard and believed they belong to one of the folds where Jesus

was talking about.

It is not up to us to say who does or doesn't belong to one of the folds of Jesus Who is the good Shepherd. The only thing we have to say is the message of the love of God reveals to each one of us through Jesus Christ.