



Animal Academy

(2nd Semester)

Barnyard Basics



Jesus actually uses the hen as a positive illustration of his own love for the people of Jerusalem.



“How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”—Matthew 23:37 (NLT)

- Jesus knows that a hen with chicks can be absolutely valiant and willing to sacrifice anything to protect her brood.



Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’”

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets

in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.—Luke 13:22-30, 34 (NIV)

Jesus holds out the same offer of salvation today.



[Jesus] came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.—John 1:10-12 (NLT)

People today still refuse Jesus' offer—
for the same reasons.

1. They are afraid to let go of their own plans.
2. They don't believe the need is urgent.
3. They are just plain stubborn and don't want to be told what they need.



Some people won't find out till it's too late
That someone has to pay the price
You can pay it yourself (ha) or let someone else
But who would be that nice
To pay a debt that isn't his
Well, I know someone like that
And he's your best friend; he really is
He really loves you

Most people don't find our 'till they're half dead
That they need another life
You say you've heard everything that's ever been said
About the Way, the Truth, the Life
You say you've heard lots of preachin' all before
So many times
But did you ever open up your door
Give him a chance to prove himself
Well he's real you know

I hope you find out before it's too late
That there's really nobody else
You know it's breakin' his heart the longer you wait
'Cause you've only been lyin' to yourself
'Cause no one believes a thing you say
Not even you
You know you're gonna find out that he's the way
No matter which way you choose
But I pray you find out by his love for you