



# I AM the Good Shepherd

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John 10:11-18



“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (12) But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. (13) The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. (14) I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. (15) As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (16) And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. (17) "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. (18) No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

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# Jesus, the Good Shepherd

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One of the earliest depictions of Jesus, found in the catacombs below Rome, dated to the second century. Depicting Jesus, in Roman clothing, as a shepherd carrying a sheep on His shoulders.



# The Good Shepherd Gives His Life

- He **gives** his life for the sheep – vs. 11; John 1:29; 15:12-14;
  - Literally, lays down his life (Grk. *tithemi*; place, lay down)
  - This is how **we know** He loves us 1 John 3:16a
  - This is **how we must** love one another - 1 John 3:16b
- He did this **voluntarily** - 17
  - For this, the Father loves Him - 18
  - He took it up again
  - Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit cooperated in His resurrection (Acts 2:32; Romans 8:11)



# The Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep

- He knows His Sheep – (vs. 4, 8, 14, 16, 27) **2 Timothy 2:19**; Revelation 2,3
- His Sheep know Him – vs. vs. 8, 14, 27)
- His Sheep Follow Him –vs. 3-5; **Matthew 7:21-23; 10:24-25**
- They do not follow a stranger – vs. 5, 27; **Matthew 24:5; 1 Corinthians 8:5**
- No one can snatch them from His hand – vs. 26-30; **2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25**



# The Hireling

- Is not the shepherd – vs. 12
- Does not own the sheep – vs. 13
- Sees the wolf coming
  - Leaves the sheep – vs. 12 (John 14:18-19)
  - Flees
  - Does not care about the sheep (John 15:12-15)
- The wolf catches the sheep (Matthew 7:15)
- The wolf scatters the sheep (Acts 20:29)

JOHN 10	IMAGERY	PEOPLE
1	Thieves and Robbers	Those who came before Christ
1	Sheepfold	The redeemed of God
2	Shepherd of the Sheep	Leaders of God's people
3	Door keeper	The Father
3	Sheep	The redeemed of God
5	Stranger	False prophet and messiahs
9	Door of the Sheep	Jesus
11	The Good Shepherd	Jesus
13	Hireling	Self-interested leaders
12	Wolf	Satan



# *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

A Psalm of David.

(1) The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. (2) He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. (3) He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. (4) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (5) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. (6) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

**Psalm 23:1-6 NKJV**