

Who Is Jesus?: I Am The Good Shepherd
John 10:11-18

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1. In Old Testament times and even today in the Middle East, the shepherd leads his flock. He goes before them leading them to good pasture and water.
2. When Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd" He was demonstrating true goodness - caring for His sheep, praying for them, and laboring for them. Jesus Christ is our example and to follow Him we need to know Him.
3. There are more than 100 names applied to Jesus in the Bible. The Bible refers to God's people as sheep over 200 times. Now with that background, let's look at this passage in John 10.

I. Jesus Makes This R_____ . John 10:11-14a

- A. What did Jesus mean when He said He was The Good Shepherd?
What makes Jesus different from all other shepherds?
- B. To the listeners that day, this would have been shocking!

II. Jesus Provides Us R_____ . John 10:11b, 15b

- A. While it was not unheard of for a shepherd to lose his life defending his flock, death was always unintentional.
 1. **Romans 5:8**
- B. Sheep were raised in the area around Jerusalem for sacrifice in the Temple.

III. Jesus Offers Us A R_____ . John 10:14b-15a

- A. The word for "know" literally means to know experientially.
 1. **John 1:12**

IV. Jesus Renders Our R_____ . John 10:16

- A. **Verse 16** serves as a good reminder that Jesus is out searching for sheep that have strayed.
- B. Jesus is not content to let those sheep remain separated from him.
Luke 15:4-6

V. Jesus Expects A R_____ . John 10:19-21

- A. The people were divided as to their response to Jesus.
- B. Are you a close-minded skeptic? Are you an open-minded seeker?
 1. **1 Peter 2:25**