

I AM The Good Shepherd (John 10:11-21)

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Introduction

1. In the John 10 Jesus paints a picture of being the “Good Shepherd” and to see Jesus clearly we can open Psalm 23. In Psalm 23 we see what a Good Shepherd looks like...

- a. Provider (v1); Nourishes (v2); Restores (v3); Guides (v4); lives for the sheep (v5-6)

I. I AM The Good Shepherd (v11)

- a. What is the cost of being the Good Shepherd?
 - i. The cross, His life! Jesus loves us and wants to lead us through life and give us real life in the fullest sense!
 - ii. Jesus shows that He is fully committed in our lives

II. The Hired Hand (v12-13)

- a. Cares Nothing For The Sheep
 - b. Who is the hired hand today?
 - i. Is there anyone trying to tell you what to do all the time? How about the TV?
 - ii. It tells us what to do, what to buy, how we should vote, how we should act etc.
 - iii. But what happens when life gets hard? Will they be there in the hospital with you? Will they be there when you hurt? NO for when the wolves come they flee!
 - c. Jesus bought us to be His own
 - i. We have been bought by His blood on the cross. He offers us God and a life with God so that when troubles enter into our lives Jesus is there in our time of need.
 - ii. Jesus is the committed shepherd who loves us and cares for us.

III. To Know Jesus (v14-18)

- a. A Picture of Intimacy & Relationship
 - i. Jesus by the cross has proclaimed His love for us!
 - ii. Jesus has proven to us that we are valuable to God and wants what is best for us
 - iii. Jesus and God want us to walk with them in life; to become like them
 - b. The Other Sheep

IV. What Should We Absorb?

- a. Lesson About Sacrifice
 - i. Jesus showed us His love by His sacrifice. We too can do the same!
 - ii. Sacrifice means we have our priorities set with God's will
 - iii. Sacrifice helps us to see what is valuable in life and what is not
 - iv. Sacrifice helps us to surrender to leadership of Jesus as the Good Shepherd
 1. John 15:13-14 Jesus has set the standard
 2. Luke 9:23-25 Is our way to follow His example
 - b. The Challenge
 - i. Do an act of kindness because of the love Jesus has given to you
 - ii. Do them praising Jesus giving Him all the credit
 - iii. Let's connect what we do or say with Jesus
 - c. Will you let Jesus be your Good Shepherd? Will you follow?