

The Good Shepherd: Jesus, the True Saviour of the World

John 10: 11-21

1. *The meaning of "Good Shepherd"*

- a. He is one who lives a sacrificial life
- b. He is not a hired or employed shepherd
 - 1) Who sees danger – acts cowardly, flees
 - 2) Who causes the sheep to be caught – in error
 - 3) Who lacks genuine care

2. *The proof that Jesus is the Good Shepherd*

- a. He knows His sheep
- b. He knows His Father – the Owner
- c. He will die for His sheep
- d. He works to enlarge the number of sheep

3. *The final proof of Jesus' claim*

- a. Jesus died for His sheep
- b. Jesus is loved by God for His great sacrifice
- c. Jesus' death was the supreme act of obedience
 - 1) Was voluntary
 - 2) Was a command

4. *The reaction to Jesus' claim*

- a. Some reject:
Call Jesus demon-possessed and mad
- b. Some question:
Perhaps Jesus is who He claims

11 "I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep.

So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away.

Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd;

I know my sheep and my sheep know me –

15 Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen.

I must bring them also.

They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.

This command I received from my Father."

19 At these words the Jews were again divided.

20 Many of them said,

"He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"

21 But others said,

"These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon.

Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"