

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"The Good Shepherd"
John 10:11-21
Part-37**

**Jesus declares Himself to be "The Good Shepherd", John 10:11;
John 10:14.**

John 10:1-10 – The Good Shepherd Is The Door! John 10:7

1. I Am the Door of Salvation.
2. I Am the Door of Security and Safety.
3. I Am the Door of Satisfaction.

Jesus As "The Door of The Sheep" Contrasted Himself With The Thieves and Robbers: Now as "The Good Shepherd", He Contrasts Himself With The Wolves and Hirelings.

Thought Of Our Passage: The Good Shepherd, In His Defense For The Sheep, Loses His Life So Through His Death They Are Saved.

1. Verses 11-13 – Shepherd Dies For The Sheep

2. Verses 14-15 – Shepherd Loves The Sheep

3. Verses 16-18 – Shepherd Gathers His Sheep

4. Verses 19-21 – Response To The Shepherd

1. Verses 11-13 – Shepherd Dies For The Sheep:

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd;" – John 10:1-10 – The Good Shepherd Is The Door! John 10:7 – I Am the Door of salvation: John 10:9-10.

"I am the good shepherd;" – This is the 4th "I AM STATEMENT":

4. "I Am the Good Shepherd" (10:11, 14)

"I am the good shepherd;" – literally reads, "I Am the shepherd, the good one." The word translated "good" means "intrinsically good, beautiful, fair." It describes that which is the ideal, the model that others may safely imitate. Matthew 19:17

"I am the good shepherd;" – He alone is the exclusive one.

Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 37:24

The Testimony Of The Good Shepherd: (His Sacrificial Love) "the good shepherd lays down His life" – "instead of".

1 Samuel 17:34-35

Jesus' Purpose For His Coming: "lays down His life" – it is always used of voluntarily; "lay down" – 4X: Verses 11, 15, 17, 18; Mark 10:45.

Romans 5:6-8

John 10:12

"He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd," – This is a reference to the religious leaders that did not truly love and care for the sheep.

Verses 12-13 – 4 Characteristics Of A False Shepherd:

1. False Shepherd Lacks Commitment For The Sheep: "who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep,"

2. False Shepherd Behaves Cowardly When Facing Danger: "and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them."

John 10:13

3. False Shepherd Lacks Investment In The Sheep: "He flees because he is a hired hand,"

John 11:48

4. False Shepherd Lacks Concern For The Sheep: "and is not concerned about the sheep."

2. Verses 14-15 – Shepherd Loves The Sheep:

John 10:14 – "I know" – speaks of an "intimate love relationship of a husband and wife. To know is a relationship of love. It is of the deepest level."

The Good Shepherd Knows The Individual Sheep: "I know My own," – God knows us as individuals.

The Good Shepherd Feeds The Flock: The shepherd is mindful of the fact that sheep need food. The shepherd knew what food would be best for them.

Cast Sheep – Sheep can eat so much that they lose equilibrium and they can't stand up, so the shepherd will come and lift it up.

The Good Shepherd Protects The Flock: That there was the concern for thieves, robbers and wolves that would try and come to the fold.

Matthew 7:15-20

There Are Always Wayward Sheep In The Flock: Some sheep are always testing the limits of their space.

Sheep Get Lost – The shepherd in extreme cases would even break the leg of one of these lambs then set it and keep it by his side so that the lamb would be dependent on the shepherd; the lamb would never stray again.

A Shepherd Cares For The Health Of The Flock: The shepherd checks for disease, wounds, illnesses that would bring harm to the sheep.

"and My own know Me," – That a true child of God knows this.
Romans 8:16

John 10:15

3. Verses 16-18 – Shepherd Gathers His Sheep:

John 10:16 – "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold;" – A reference to the Gentiles, the non-Jewish people. Jesus came to the lost sheep of Israel, but His salvation is universal.

"and they will become one flock with one shepherd." – Fold of Israel, and Gentiles make one flock; Church is not Israel, or the flock is not the fold!

Ephesians 3:6; Colossians 3:11; Ephesians 4:3-6

John 10:17

Love – "For this reason the Father loves Me," – Love & Obedience
Inseparable – Impossible to love God apart from obedience.

1 John 2:4

Obedience – "because I lay down My life so that I may take it again."

"that I may take it again." – Death and Resurrection, One Event; Died to be raised.

John 10:18

The Sacrifice Of Jesus Was Voluntary: "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative." – His death was Voluntary, Vicarious (Suffered in the place of another), and Victorious!

Without the Resurrection, we would still be separated from God.

The Cross Was An Act Of Obedience: "This commandment I received from My Father." John 19:30

4. Verses 19-21 – Response To The Shepherd:

John 10:19 – A division – "schism."

John 10:20

"He has a demon and is insane." – They revealed that they don't belong to the Lord's flock!

"Why do you listen to Him?" – Matthew 17:5

John 10:21

Application:

1. There Is Only One Good Shepherd. The Good One Is Jesus Christ, Who Is The Ideal, The Model That Others May Safely Imitate.
2. The Good Shepherd Is The One That Really Knows Us And Loves Us.
3. When The Shepherd Laid Down His Life In The Process Of Protecting The Sheep, His Death Was Always Unintentional. Jesus Intentionally, Willingly And With Foreknowledge, Went To The Cross, Knowing That He Would Die For The Sheep.