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The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-21 (NLT2) ¹¹ **"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.** ¹² *A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.* ¹³ *The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.* ¹⁴ **"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father.** ¹⁵ *So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.* ¹⁶ **I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They WILL listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.** ¹⁷ *"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again.* ¹⁸ *No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."* ¹⁹ *When he said*

these things, the people were again divided in their opinions about him. ²⁰ Some said, “He’s demon possessed and out of his mind. Why listen to a man like that?” ²¹ Others said, “This doesn’t sound like a man possessed by a demon! Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

The Seven I am Statements of Jesus in John’s Gospel

1. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
2. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12, 9:5)
3. I am the Gate for the Sheep (John 10:7)
- 4. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)**
5. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
6. I am the True Vine (John 15:1-5)
7. I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

1. God is identified as a shepherd to his people repeatedly in scripture.
2. The word “shepherd” is used in a spiritual sense 19 times in the New Testament.

3. As a shepherd God provides rest, guidance, comfort, safety, provision, and a destiny.

Psalm 23

4. In the New Testament Jesus is called the Good Shepherd, the Great Shepherd, and the Chief Shepherd, each reveals an aspect of His ministry to believers.

1. He is the GOOD Shepherd who dies for His sheep

1. The Greek word -kal-os- used here has several different nuances that give a beautiful understanding of Jesus.

a. He is the good shepherd. He is unique, the one and only, in His love and care for His sheep.

b. One aspect of good means morally good-excellent in character

c. Another aspect of good is attractive or beautiful

d. Another aspect means possessing ALL the qualities necessary to be described as good

e. Compared to other phrases in John such as true bread, true vine it implies authenticity

2. He is good because of His actions.

- a. He sacrificed His life for the sheep. This act was:
1) **voluntary** 2) **vicarious** 3) **victorious**
- b. He knows His sheep and they know Him—to the same level of knowledge
He has with the Father—WOW!!!
- c. He envisions sheep who aren't in the sheepfold, YET!

2. He is the GREAT Shepherd who rises from the dead to equip His sheep

Hebrews 13:20-21 (NLT2) ²⁰ *Now may the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood— ²¹ may He equip you with all you need **FOR** doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is **pleasing** to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.*

1. Jesus died for your sins; but God raised Him up from the dead to be the Great Shepherd by whom we have

a ratified eternal covenant enforced by His shed blood.

2. Now He will equip you with EVERYTHING you need to do His Will.
3. He will produce in you EVERY good thing that pleases Him, through the power of Jesus Christ.

3. He is the CHIEF Shepherd who will return to reward those who have faithfully served Him

1 Peter 5:4 (NLT2) *And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.*

1. Jesus is returning to gather His flock.
2. He will reward those who have faithfully discharged their duties.
3. Shepherd those for whom God has made you responsible.
4. Devote yourself to excel in the essentials. As an under-shepherd—be faithful, diligent, patient, exemplary, sacrificial, and loving.

- 1. Make sure you are part of God's flock.**
- 2. Pray for other sheep to be added to the flock.**
- 3. Believe that Jesus will call them.**
- 4. Anticipate they will answer His call.**