



“I am the Good Shephard”

John 10

Verses that talk about the Good Shephard: Ez 34:23, Micah 5:4, Matthew 2:6, I Peter 2:25, Rev. 7:17, Ps. 23 and Luke 15:1-6 (the lost sheep)

Names for Jesus in John:

The Word, John 1:1	Bread of Life, Jn 6:35
The Lamb of God, Jn 1:29	Light of the World, Jn 8:1
Messiah, Jn 1:41	I AM, Jn 8:58
King of Israel, Jn 1:49	The Door, Jn 10:7
Son of Man, Jn 5:27	The Good Shephard, Jn 10:11

How do we identify thieves, robbers or false teachers?

First, check their doctrine, does it align with scripture?
Second, test their fruit, does it produce love, joy, peace, etc.
Last, are they self-focused or God-focused. Who do their actions glorify?

Be careful, they often come in “sheep’s clothing” as mentioned in Matthew 7:15.

Two Different Shepherds:

Jesus the Good Shepherd:	Bad shepherd/thief/false teach
1. The sheep follow him	1. The sheep will not follow
2. The sheep know his voice v. 4	2. They do not know his voice
3. He came to give life v. 10	3. They came to steal, kill and destroy v. 10
4. He lays down his life for the sheep v. 11	4. When the wolf come, he flees v. 14

How the shepherd care for the sheep:

Salvation and protection: verse 9, ‘I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. Verse 11, ‘I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. These two verses show us Jesus’ provision for eternal life is in Him.

Abundant Life: verse 10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” God promised his people in Exodus 3:8 that he would bring them out of Egypt to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey”. Christ wants the same for all of us as Christians, an abundant life.

He will gather all the sheep together: in verse 16 Jesus says, “I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.” Who are the other sheep? Jesus is speaking here of those we later call the ‘children of God’ or the Gentiles.

Jesus works as mentioned in verse 25:

Ch.2-turns water into wine, kicked the extortionists out of the temple

Ch.3-John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Messiah

Ch.4-Jesus heals the son of the royal official (w/o even seeing his son)

Ch.5-Jesus heals the man lame for 38 years

Ch.6-Jesus feeds the 5000, he is the Bread of Life

Ch. 8-Jesus is the light of the world, I AM

Ch. 9-Jesus heals the blind man

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“If Jesus is the Good Shepherd, then what you need to do is simple: follow Jesus. Don’t look elsewhere. Don’t wander away. Recognize that he will give you everything you need. When you are tired, he will bring us to green pastures. When we are thirsty, he will guide us to refreshing springs. When we are uncertain, he leads us on the paths of righteousness. When we’re afraid, he comforts us with his presence. Follow the Good Shepherd. As you follow him, goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life, and on his timetable, he will lead you to his house where you will dwell with him forever.”

Some thought-provoking questions:

First, do you know this Good Shepherd, do you hear his voice and follow Him? Is He leading you beside the still waters and into green pastures? Be careful who you follow. Test what they say with what you know from God’s Word. Do not be led astray.

Second, if you know the good shepherd, do your friends know that you follow Him? Do they know Jesus is your shepherd?

Third, are you a leader that others can follow? Do you speak truth from God’s Word and show others the way to Christ, the Good Shepherd? If you care for any of the sheep of God’s flock, are you doing it in a godly manner, representing Jesus Christ in all you say and do?

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