

A SHEPHERD LIKE NO OTHER

John 10:11-18
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INTRODUCTION: I AM THE GOOD INFLUENCER?

A leader is someone who guides people in a certain direction or on a certain course.

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The medieval church had less command over society's emotions than Facebook and Google and Twitter now do. [These] define who you, as an American, must hate. Depending upon their directive of the day, our citizens dutifully change their social media avatars from BLM signs, to mask-up slogans, to now Ukrainian flags.

There is another kind of leader one who won't abandon you, one who promises life, one who brings you to safety, one who would die in your place so that you might live.

Proposition: The Good Shepherd died and rose again so that His sheep would find safety and life in Him.

Jesus shows us four specific ways He is the Good Shepherd.

I. THE GOOD SHEPHERD SACRIFICES HIMSELF FOR HIS SHEEP, VV. 11-13

All three of these leaders have different goals for the sheep.

A. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE IN PLACE OF THE SHEEP

Soul

the immaterial part of a person, morally accountable to God

He takes on the wrath of God against sin. He takes on the wrath of the wolf against the sheep.

? Why does He do this?

1. To Preserve Their Safety, v. 9

2. To Give Them Abundant Life, v. 10

B. THE HIRED HAND SAVES HIS LIFE IN SPITE OF THE SHEEP

C. THE WOLF LIVES TO PLUNDER THE SHEEP

Matthew 12:30

He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

Matthew 26:31

Then Jesus *said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.'..."

? The wolf does two things, what are they?

1. He Snatches Them

2. He Scatters Them

Acts 8:1

Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

II. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES THE SHEEP, VV. 14, 15, 17

A. THE SHEPHERD LOVE THE SHEEP, V. 14

1. The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

? Where do we see love?

2. The Father Loves The Shepherd

? Why?

B. THE HIRED HAND LOVES HIMSELF AND ABANDONS THE SHEEP

C. THE WOLF LOVES HIMSELF AND ABUSES THE SHEEP

III. THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATTRACTS AND UNITES TRUE SHEEP

A. THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE AND FOLLOW HIM

1. His Own Sheep Hear His Voice And Come, v. 3

2. True Sheep From Everywhere and Every Time Hear Are Brought In, v. 16

2. True Sheep From Everywhere and Every Time Hear Are Made One With The Flock, v. 16

John 1:10-13; 17:20-21

B. THE HIRED HAND IS TOO BUSY RUNNING AWAY TO EVEN CALL THE SHEEP

C. THE WOLF DOESN'T GATHER BUT SCATTERS

1. Sheep Will Not Follow A Stranger, v. 5

2. True Sheep Are Scattered By Wolves, v.

**IV. THE GOOD SHEPHERD TAKES HIS LIFE UP AGAIN,
V. 18**

? What is the problem with this story so far?

A. NO ONE TAKES MY LIFE

B. I TAKE MY LIFE UP AGAIN

Romans 6:4

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.

CONCLUSION: YOU HAVE A LOVING SHEPHERD