



I AM (the Good Shepherd)

John 10:11-21
Ezekiel 34
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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The Shepherd knows His sheep and His sheep know Him.
- B. Jesus said, “I AM the Good Shepherd.” *(John 10:11, 14)*
 - 1. “good” – intrinsically good; good by nature; as God is good.
 - 2. To say He was “good” was the same as saying He was God. *(Mark 10:17-18)*
 - 3. By calling Himself the Good Shepherd He was identifying Himself as God who appeared to Ezekiel and promised to shepherd His people Himself. *(Ezekiel 34:11-16; 22-24)*

**Jesus the Great I AM is the Good Shepherd
who lays down His life for the sheep**

II. WHY WOULD HE DO THIS?

- A. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for us. *(John 10:11-13)*
 - 1. The hired hand cares only for himself. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep. *(Jn 10:12-13)*
 - a. “cares” – “to have forethought and interest” *(Isaiah 40:11; 1 Peter 5:7)*

- b. His care lovingly illustrated to a man who was deaf and dumb. *(Mark 7:31-37)*
 - 2. Jesus cares for all who follow him and belong to Him. It may not seem like He cares but one day He will show all the ways He cared for each of us and took us safely home.
- B. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who wants to live in relationship with us. *(John 10:14-16)*
- 1. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice, and it is important to know the shepherd Jesus because He is the key to life. *(John 17:3)*
 - 2. Jesus laid down His life so we could know God.
 - a. “know” – experience in relationship
 - b. To know God the way Jesus knows God *(John 8:55; John 10:14-15)*
 - c. We need to know that God knows **us** in relationship. Religion is no replacement for relationship. *(Matthew 7:21-23)*
 - 3. Jesus laid down His life and took it up again conquering sin, death and the grave for us in order to bring us to God. *(1 Peter 3:18; John 10:17-18)*
 - 4. Now we are to lay down our lives for others. *(1 Jn 3:13-18)*
 - 5. The proof of our relationship with God, that we know Him, is that we love and obey Him. *(1 John 3:19-24)*

III. CONCLUSION