



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Loving God, Loving People

The Great I AM “ What Makes The Good Shepherd Good?” John 10:11-21

His Responsibility (11-13)

Eze. 34:2-4 Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

His Intimacy (14-16)

His Authority (17-18)

The Disunity (19-20)

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

- > Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
- > Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
- > He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
- > He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
- > He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
- > He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

Food For Thought: Jesus further proves his legitimacy as THE promised Good Shepherd of salvation and redemption for His people, through the responsibility, intimacy and authority seen in His mission, ministry and sacrifice as Messiah, in contrast to the false shepherding ministry of the religious leaders of his time.

1. How does Jesus' death relate to his promise in verse 10?
2. What final claim does Jesus make (vv.17-18)? Why do his listeners respond as they do?
3. What was the turning point for you in terms of hearing “God’s voice” and responding? How do you discern his voice from all the others you hear every day?

Bible Text
John 10:11-21 (ESV)

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" 21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)