

SERMON STARTERS

Series: **THE SHEPHERD MINISTRY OF JESUS**

Message # 1 **“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”**  
**John 10:11**  
**“I am the good shepherd.”**

Intro.

1. Jesus is presented in Scripture as a three-fold Shepherd:
  - In John 10 – The Good Shepherd, Who gives His life for the sheep;
  - In Hebrews 13 – The Great Shepherd, Who cares for His sheep;
  - In I Peter 5 – The Chief Shepherd, Who comes for His sheep.
2. The Shepherdhood of the Savior is the fulfillment of one of the prophecies of Isaiah: *“He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.”* (Isaiah 40:11)
3. It is very interesting that the well known trilogy of Psalms, Psalm 22, 23 and 24 compare so clearly with the three Shepherd titles of the Lord Jesus. NOTE:

**PSALM 22**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
 Cross  
 Spear

**PSALM 23**  
**GREAT SHEPHERD**  
 Crook  
 Staff

**PSALM 24**  
**CHIEF SHEPHERD**  
 Crown  
 Scepter

4. **In this first of three studies we will consider the ministry of Jesus as “The Good Shepherd” based upon John 10 and Psalm 22. As The Good Shepherd:**

I. **HE SEEKS FOR HIS SHEEP.** v. 16

*“I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”*

**A. The Concern For The Sheep.**

1. Throughout John 10.
2. READ Luke 15 !

**B. The Condition Of The Sheep.**

1. Astray – Isa. 53:6 *“All we like sheep have gone astray .....”*
2. Shepherdless – Mark 6:34 *“Jesus was moved with compassion because they were as sheep having no shepherd.”*
3. Lost – Luke 19:10 *“The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.”*
4. In Danger of the Storm, Rom. 1:18; of the Lion, I Pet. 5:8; of Wolves, Matt. 7:15.

**C. The Calls To The Sheep.**

1. Read John 10:3,4,16,27

**Summation:** The Good Shepherd seeks for the sheep because of His concern about

their condition and consequently He calls to them.

## II. HE SUFFERED FOR THE SHEEP.

1. *"The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."* (John 10:11)
2. *"I lay down My life for the sheep."* (John 10:15)
3. *"I lay down My life that I may take it again."* (John 10:17)
4. *"lay it down of Myself"* (John 10:18a)
5. *"I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."* (John 10:18b)

### **Compare the Suffering Shepherd in Psalm 22 with Matthew 27:**

- Psalm 22:1 cf. Matt. 27:46;
- Psalm 22:2 cf. Matt. 26:45;
- Psalm 22:7,8,13 cf. Matt. 27:39-44;
- Psalm 22: 15 cf. Matt. 27:34;
- Psalm 22:17 cf. Matt. 27:36;
- Psalm 22:18 cf. Matt. 27:35

**Summation:** The seeking Shepherd offered Himself as the supreme, sufficient sacrifice for the sheep.

## III. HE SAVES AND SECURES THE SHEEP.

1. He Saves the sheep:  
John 10:9 *"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."*
2. He Secures the sheep:  
John 10:28 *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."*

**Summation:** The Good Shepherd seeks His sheep, suffered for His sheep in order to save and secure His sheep. No wonder He is called "The Good Shepherd!" Is He your Shepherd?

*"The Good Shepherd sought this sheep,  
I was famished, and faint, and lone;  
He lifted me with His hands of love,  
He saved this lost and wandering one.*

*Jesus my Good Shepherd forever is,  
For it was He who broke sin's hold;  
It was He who sought and saved me  
And brought me into His fold."*