

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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?"

Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

We listen and follow Jesus because Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows, loves and dies for His sheep.

- 1. The Good Shepherd dies for His sheep willfully.
- 2. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep intimately, caring for them deeply.
- 3. The Good Shepherd gathers His sheep uniting them completely.

# The Good Shepherd 4. The Good Shepherd rises triumphantly and reigns eternally.

There isn't anything that Jesus wasn't willing to do to demonstrate and to prove His love for you.



# John 10:11, 15b, 17b

- <sup>11</sup> The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 15b I lay down my life for the sheep
  17b I lay down my life that I may take it up again

# John 10:18

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Jesus' death was selfless and sacrificial.

Jesus' death was specific and successful.

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep intimately and cares for them deeply.

- To be loved and not known = superficial love
- To be known and not loved = our greatest fear
- To be fully known and really loved = our greatest desire

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# John 10:16

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