

## The Good Shepherd

Who Do You Say I Am? #7

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*"I am the good shepherd..."* **John 10:11a (NIV)**

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<sup>6</sup> And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel. **Matthew 2:6 (NLT)**

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### What makes Jesus a good shepherd?

#### 1. The Good Shepherd deeply cares for me. (v.11, 12-13)

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

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<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. **Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)**

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#### 2. The Good Shepherd wants to know me. (v.3, 14-15)

<sup>3</sup> He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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.

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#### 3. The Good Shepherd will provide for me. (v.4, 9, 10)

<sup>4</sup> ...he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him...

<sup>9</sup> ...They (the sheep) will come in and go out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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<sup>8</sup> The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." **Psalms 32:8 (NLT)**

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<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water... **Revelation 7:17 (NIV)**

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### I make Jesus The Good Shepherd in my life...

#### 1. When I listen to His voice. (v.3, 5)

<sup>3</sup> ...the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

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<sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.

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#### 2. When I trust His voice. (v.27)

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice... and they follow me.

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