



John 10:11-21

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***"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"***

**Introduction:**

Why would this discourse result in a sharp division? (vs. 19-21)

**I. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN A GOOD AND A BAD SHEPHERD (John 10:11-13)**

A. What is the job of a shepherd?

- 1) provision of food and water
- 2) finds shelter from heat and storms
- 3) protection from predators
- 4) keeps the flock together and calm
- 5) refreshment and encouragement
- 6) grows the flock
- 7) concern and care for each individual sheep
- 8) heals wounds

B. What makes Jesus such a *good* shepherd? (vs. 1-11)

- 1) He is the door/entrance to our salvation (vs. 7)
- 2) He leads us in and out and finds green pasture (vs. 9)
- 3) He gives us life in all its fullness (vs. 10)
- 4) He lays down His own life for us (vs. 11)
- 5) He knows us by name and lets us know him! (vs. 14)

C. What is the problem of the hired hand? (vs. 12-13)

- 1) doesn't "own" the sheep
- 2) runs at the hint of danger

- 3) allows the flock to scatter
- 4) cares nothing for the sheep

## II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10:14-18)

### A. He Loves His Sheep (vs. 14-15)

“I know my own”

“I lay down my life”

### B. He Unites His Sheep (vs. 16)

He came for the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24)

“I have other sheep”

“I *must* bring them also”

### C. He Will Keep His Sheep Forever (vs. 17-18)

“for this reason the Father loves Me”

“I lay down My life so that I may take it again.”

“No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative.”

“I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

## Conclusion:

Four levels of application:

- 1) Jesus over his flock, the Church
- 2) God over Israel
- 3) pastors over congregations
- 4) any spiritual leader

## Food for Thought:

- 1) How is Jesus like a shepherd to you?
- 2) Why did Jesus emphasize that His death was voluntary (vs. 17-18)?
- 3) Why is it important for the local church to be multi-racial? What is lost if we build the church around people just like us?
- 4) Why do you think the people so violently rejected Jesus’ teaching? (Note esp. what follows in vs. 22-42.)