

# The Great I Am

## *“I Am The Good Shepherd”*

(John 10:11-18)

- Introduction:
1. The phrase, “I am the good shepherd” is a metaphor, and is not to be understood as Jesus’ occupation (Mark 6:3; Matthew 13:55).
  2. In our society, the occupation of a shepherd is vaguely familiar.
  3. Since this is true, let us examine some of the points Jesus was attempting to make by saying that He was the Good Shepherd.

### I. A Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep

- A. (John 10:3-4).
- B. The fact that a shepherd knows his sheep, even by name, demonstrates his deep interest in their welfare.
- C. Jesus was uniquely qualified to know his sheep or followers (John 2:25).
- D. Jesus did not simply sit in an ivory tower proclaiming great platitudes, but he mixed among the people, touching and healing them.
- E. Jesus knows and loves all His sheep, not just the “elite” ones.

### II. A Good Shepherd Cares For His Sheep

- A. (1 Peter 5:7).
- B. (Hebrews 4:15).
- C. (Luke 15:7)

### III. A Good Shepherd Protects His Sheep

- A. (1 Peter 5:8).
- B. (Galatians 1:4).
- C. (Isaiah 40:11).

### IV. A Good Shepherd Leads His Sheep

- A. (John 10:3).
- B. (1 Peter 2:21).

### V. A Good Shepherd Gives His Life For His Sheep

- A. (John 10:11-18).
- B. (1 Peter 2:24).

- Conclusion:
1. There is no doubt that Jesus is what He said He was — the Good Shepherd.
  2. The question is — is He your shepherd?
  3. If he is, you will follow him (John 10:4).