

# The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus

## “I AM the Good Shepherd”

(John 10:11-18)

- Introduction:
1. Quite often, when we hear sermons about the “Good Shepherd,” we hear more about the sheep than we do the Shepherd.
  2. Oftentimes, the research results in the spreading of common myths.
    - a. E.g., Shepherds break the legs of sheep to teach them to trust.
    - b. E.g., Sheep are dumb.
  3. I don’t want to make today’s lesson a symposium on Bovidae ruminant mammals.
  4. I do want it to magnify the characteristics of Jesus that make him “The Good Shepherd.”

### I. He Gives His Life for the Sheep

- A. (John 10:11-13, 15, 17-18).
- B. Jesus contrasted himself with a hireling.
- C. The impact of this statement is to impress upon us Jesus’ love and care for us.

### II. He Knows His Sheep

- A. (John 10:14).
- B. We are not just a “number,” but we are personally known by Jesus.
- C. (Acts 17:27).
- D. I have said before that “Jesus loves me this I know,” is a powerful thought, but so is a twist to that statement, “Jesus knows me this I love.”

### III. Characteristics of a Good Shepherd from Psalm 23.

- A. Provision (Psalm 23:1-3).
- B. Protection (Psalm 23:4-5).
- C. Preservation (Psalm 23:6).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, in light of what these passages teach, one has to work to be lost.
  2. We often say, “you don’t have to do anything to be lost.”
  3. I’m not sure that’s an accurate statement in light of Jesus being The Good Shepherd.
  4. To be lost, we must reject Jesus loves us, his provision, his protection, and his sacrifice for us.
  5. No, one must work to be lost because God put obstacles along the path to destruction.
  6. Don’t turn your back on his love.