

# The Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

## *“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; Psalm 23:1).
- B. (Hebrews 4:15).
- C. (Luke 15:7)

### III. A Good Shepherd Protects His Sheep

- A. (1 Peter 5:8; Psalm 23:4).
- B. (Galatians 1:4).
- C. (Isaiah 40:11).

### IV. A Good Shepherd Leads His Sheep

- A. (John 10:3; Psalm 23:2).
- 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).

## The Gospel Of John

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”

(John 20:31).

### Responses To The Identity of Jesus

- The Identity of Jesus
- The Woman at the Well
- The Believing Nobleman
- The Jews
- The Five Thousand
- The Adulterous Woman
- The Blind Man
- Lazarus
- Pilate
- Thomas
- Peter

### The Fourfold Witness

- John The Baptist
- The Works of Jesus
- The Father
- The Scriptures

### The Claims of Jesus

- I Am The Bread of Life
- I Am The Light of the World
- I Am The Door
- I Am The Good Shepherd
- I Am The Resurrection and Life
- I Am The Way, Truth, & Life
- I Am The True Vine

### Today’s Lessons:

- A.M. - *Lazarus*
- P.M. - *I Am The Good Shepherd*