

I Am the Good Shepherd

John 10:11-21

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1. The Old Testament sets up a need for a perfect Shepherd.
 - a. Moses: a good shepherd and prophet but unable to bring Israel to the promised land.
 - b. David: a good shepherd and king but was unable to lead his people perfectly.
 - c. Leaders of Israel: greedy and oppressive to the people of God.

2. Jesus saw Himself as the fulfillment of that need.
 - a. He claims to be the Shepherd from the prophecy in Ezekiel 34.
 - b. Pharisees are the hired hands and doing a bad job.
 - c. This was the plan all along.

3. Jesus continues to be a Good Shepherd today.
 - a. The greatest sign of His goodness is laying down His life for you and taking it back up. (The Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:3-5)
 - b. Jesus is your GOOD Shepherd.
 - c. Jesus is YOUR good Shepherd.

Application:

When you get overwhelmed this week focus on Jesus being your Good Shepherd.

Psalm 23 (NKJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.