

I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-15)

1. **John 10:11-15:** "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters the flock. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."
2. **Exodus 3:13-15:** Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God furthermore said to Moses, "This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is the name for all generations to use to call upon Me."
3. **John 8:56-59a:** Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see My day, and he saw it and rejoiced." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." ⁵⁹ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him;
4. **John 18:4-6:** Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, came out into the open and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" ⁵ They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ Now then, when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.
5. **John 13:17-19:** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking about all of you. I know the ones whom I have chosen; but this is happening so that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.' ¹⁹ From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am He."
6. **Isaiah 42:8-9:** "I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they sprout I proclaim them to you."

7. **John 6:18-20:** In addition, the sea began getting rough, because a strong wind was blowing ¹⁹ Then, when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
8. **John 1:1-3:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.
9. **Psalms 23:1-2:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
10. **Mark 10:45:** "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."
11. **Matthew 21:12-13:** And Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying on the temple grounds, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³ And He said to them, "It is written: 'MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a DEN OF ROBBERS."
12. **Matthew 23:13:** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to."
13. **Jeremiah 24:7:** "I will also give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me wholeheartedly."
14. **Matthew 7:21-23:** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew YOU; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"
15. **1 John 3:16:** We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Read John 10:11-18, 26-31.

1. What characteristics of Jesus' sheep are mentioned in our passage?
2. Can one who is Christ's sheep ever lose his or her salvation?
3. Are there any lessons from our passage that we can apply in what we should look for in our next pastor (i.e. shepherd)?
4. (John 10:17-18) Jesus makes a point that his laying down His life was completely voluntary. Why or why not is this important?
5. (1 John 3:16) How can we make this practical in our lives? (cf. John 15:12-13, 2 Corinthians 12:15, Romans 16:3-4, Philippians 2:25-30).