



WEEK FOUR

GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:11



“I AM” STATEMENTS



JOHN SERIES





The Sheep & Shepherd Motif in Scripture



The Sheep

- God’s people/humanity
- prone to wander
- die in isolation
- require leadership

The Shepherd

- leader of God’s people/humanity
- gather lost sheep
- protect from danger
- lead from the front



A Leadership Crisis



Ezekiel 34:2 NIV

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you **shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves!** Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’”



The Good Shepherd



Ezekiel 34:11-12a, 16 NIV

For this is what **the Sovereign LORD** says: “**I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.**”¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep...¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. **I will shepherd the flock with justice.**”



The Good Shepherd: faithful presence

John 10:11-13 NIV

“**I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”



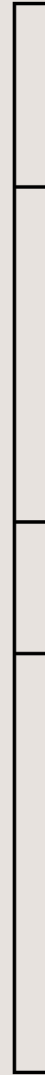
The Good Shepherd:
faithful presence
intimate knowledge



John 10:14 NIV
“I am the good shepherd;
I **know** my sheep and my sheep **know** me”



The Good Shepherd:
faithful presence
intimate knowledge
sacrificial love



John 10:15 NIV

“just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and **I lay down my life** for the sheep.”



The Good Shepherd:
faithful presence
intimate knowledge
sacrificial love
inclusive invitation



John 10:16 NIV
“I have other sheep that are not of this
sheep pen. I must bring them also. They
too will listen to my voice, and there shall
be **one flock and one shepherd.**”



Authority of the Good Shepherd



John 10:17-18 NIV

“The reason my Father loves me is that I **lay down my life—only to take it up again.**
¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. **I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.**
This command I received from my Father.”



John 10:19-21 NIV

The Jews who heard these words were again divided.
²⁰ Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?” ²¹ But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”



Entering Into Holy Week:

Victory through the sacrifice of our Shepherd and King

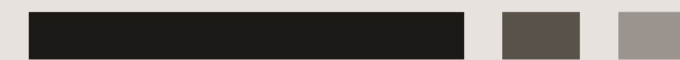


John 12:31-33 NLT

“The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. ³² And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

The Good Shepherd has come:

to heal not to harm
to defend not devour
to seek not abandon
to bring light, love, and life





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God takes everyone he loves through a desert. It is his cure for our wandering hearts, restlessly searching for a new Eden... The best gift of the desert is God's presence... **The protective love of the Shepherd** gives me courage to face the journey.

- **Paul Miller**, *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World*

**Will you trust, follow, and remain
with the Good Shepherd?**

