

What Is So
Great About

The Good
Shepherd?



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Thirty years ago,
Del Scrivner counseled
me with just a few
comments that forced me
to tell the truth to myself.
I am forever grateful for
his wisdom and for God's
hand in changing my life.-
Julie Costin

**YOU CAN GIVE A PERSON
KNOWLEDGE, BUT YOU CAN'T
MAKE THEM THINK.
SOME PEOPLE WANT TO
REMAIN FOOLS, ONLY
BECAUSE THE TRUTH
REQUIRES CHANGE.**

What's So Great About the Good Shepherd?

John 10:11-21

I. He's Great Because He Sacrifices for His Sheep (vv. 11-15)

A. Shepherding is Dangerous

1. Lead sheep from the protected environment of the corral to the vulnerable environment of the countryside

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2. David killed bear and lion protecting sheep

1 Samuel 17:34-35

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3. 224,200 sheep (worth \$18.3 million) killed by predators in 2004 according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service

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A. Jesus gave His life

1. Not an occupational hazard
2. He laid it down Himself (vv. 11, 15, 17, 18)
 - a. His death was voluntary, part of the plan –
Revelation 13:8, Acts 2:23
2. His death was substitutionary

2. He's Great Because He Knows His Sheep (vv. 14-15)

A. Knows our differences

(I don't have to be like anyone else)

B. Comfort; knows all about you and loves you anyway (gr. Γινώσκω [ginōskō]- profound, affectionate knowledge)–Psalm 139:1-4

C. Complete; as the Father knows Christ

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D. He knows us perfectly; we know Him barely

2 Peter 3:18;

1. Our knowledge of Him is growing

2. Our heart's cry to know him—Philippians 3:10

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(vv. 14-15)

3. We will know Him fully in our resurrected
body when face to face—1 Corinthians 13:12

A. If Jesus is your Shepherd, don't accept
substitutes (mentor, pastor)

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

PSALM 23

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

PSALM 23

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.