



# “GOOD SHEPHERD, GREAT SACRIFICE”

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JOHN 10:11-21 BIBLE STUDY

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## CONTEXT



- 1 “Amen, Amen, I say to you [Pharisees], the one who does not enter through the door to the sheepfold of the sheep but goes up from another place: that person is a thief and a bandit. 2 But the one who enters through the door is shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him, the doorkeeper opens [the door], and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he sends out all of his [sheep], he travels in front of them, and the sheep follow him, because they have known his voice. (Jn 10:1-4, AT)



## CONTEXT



- 5 But a stranger they will never follow, but they flee from him, because they do not know the stranger(s)' voice.” 6 This parable Jesus told them, but they did not understand anything that He was saying to them.  
(Jn 10:5-6, AT)



## CONTEXT



- 7 Therefore, Jesus again said, "Amen, Amen, I say to you that **I am** the door for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. Through Me, if anyone comes in, they will be saved and come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:7-10, AT)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- Now Moses was **tending the flock** of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he **led the flock** to the far side of the wilderness and came to **Horeb** [a.k.a. Mt. Sinai], the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD [YHWH] appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. (Ex 3:1-2, NIV)





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- 15 Moses said to the LORD [YHWH], 16 “May the LORD [YHWH], the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community 17 to **go out and come in** before them, one who will **lead them out and bring them in**, so the LORD’s [YHWH] people will not be like **sheep without a shepherd.**” (Num 27:15-17, NIV)
- So the LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, “Take **Joshua** son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. (Num 27:18, NIV)





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- 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s [YHWH] anointed stands here before the LORD [YHWH].”
- 7 But the LORD [YHWH] said to Samuel, “Do not consider his **appearance** or his **height**, for I have rejected him. The LORD [YHWH] does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD [YHWH] looks at the heart.”  
(1 Sam 16:6-7, NIV)





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- **Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly. (Jn 7:24, NIV)**





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- 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD [YHWH] has **not** chosen these.” 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”
- “There is still the **youngest**,” Jesse answered. “He is **tending the sheep**.”
- Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”
- 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.
- Then the LORD [YHWH] said, “Rise and anoint him; **this is the one**.”  
(1 Sam 16:10-12, NIV)





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THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- **1 All the tribes of Israel** came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. **2** In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD [YHWH] said to you, ‘**You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.**’ ” (2 Sam 5:1-2, NIV)





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70 He **chose David** his servant  
and took him from the **sheep pens**;  
71 from **tending the sheep** he brought him  
to be the **shepherd of his people** Jacob,  
of Israel his inheritance.  
72 And **David shepherded** them with integrity of heart;  
with skillful hands he **led** them.

(Ps 78:70-72, NIV)





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THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



“But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be **ruler over Israel**,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”

(Mic 5:2, NIV)





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THE GOOD ONE



3 But when King Herod heard, he was unsettled – and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And having assembled all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 Then they said to him, "In **Bethlehem** of Judah. For so it has been written by the prophet:

6 And you, **Bethlehem**, [in the] land of Judah

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah

For out of you will come a **ruler**

Who will **shepherd My people, Israel** [Mic 5:2]

(Mt 2:3-6, AT)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



He will stand and **shepherd his flock**  
in the strength of the LORD [YHWH],  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD [YHWH] his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

(Mic 5:4, NIV)





## JOHN 10:11 THE SHEPHERD – THE GOOD ONE



- “Woe to the **shepherds** who are **destroying** and **scattering the sheep** of **my pasture!**” declares the LORD [YHWH]. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD [YHWH], the God of Israel, says to the **shepherds** who **tend my people**: “Because you have **scattered my flock** and **driven them away** and have **not bestowed care on them**, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. 3 “**I myself** will **gather the remnant of my flock** out of all the countries where I have driven them and will **bring them back to their pasture**, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. (Jer 23:1-3, NIV)





## JOHN 10:11 THE SHEPHERD – THE GOOD ONE



4 I will place **shepherds** over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD [YHWH].

5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD [YHWH],  
“when I will raise up for **David** a righteous Branch,  
a **King** who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be **saved**  
and Israel will live in **safety**.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD [YHWH] Our Righteous **Savior**. (Jer 23:4-6, NIV)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 1 The word of the LORD [YHWH] came to me: 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the **shepherds of Israel**; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD [YHWH] says: Woe to you **shepherds of Israel** who only take care of yourselves! Should not **shepherds** take care of the flock? 3 You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and **slaughter** the choice animals, but you do not take care of the **flock**. (Eze 34:1-3, NIV)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. 5 So they were **scattered** because there was **no shepherd**, and when they were **scattered** they became food for all the wild animals. 6 My **sheep** wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were **scattered** over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. (Eze 34:4-6, NIV)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 7 “ “Therefore, you **shepherds**, hear the word of the LORD [YHWH]: 8 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH], because **my flock lacks a shepherd** and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because **my shepherds did not search for my flock** but cared for **themselves** rather than for my **flock**, (Eze 34:7-8, NIV)





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THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 9 therefore, you **shepherds**, hear the word of the LORD [YHWH]: 10 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the **shepherds** and will hold them accountable for my **flock**. I will remove them from tending the **flock** so that the **shepherds** can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my **flock** from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. (Eze 34:9-10, NIV)





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THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 11 “ ‘For this is what the Sovereign LORD [YHWH] 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.** I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. (Eze 34:11-13, NIV)





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- 14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There **they will lie down in good grazing land**, and there **they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel**. 15 I myself will **tend my sheep and have them lie down**, declares the Sovereign LORD [YHWH]. 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. (Eze 34:14-16, NIV)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 22 I will **save my flock**, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. 23 I will place over them **one shepherd, my servant David**, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their **shepherd**. 24 I the LORD [YHWH] will be their God, and **my servant David will be prince among them**. I the LORD [YHWH] have spoken.  
(Eze 34:22-24, NIV)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- I am the Shepherd – the **Good One**. The Shepherd – the **Good One** – lays down His life for the sheep (Jn 10:11, AT)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- 34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his **father’s sheep**. When a **lion** or a **bear** came and **carried off a sheep** from the flock, 35 I **went after** it, **struck** it and **rescued** the **sheep** from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. (1 Sam 17:34-35, NIV)





JOHN 10:11  
THE SHEPHERD –  
THE GOOD ONE



- Greater love has no one than this: **to lay down one's life for one's friends.**  
(Jn 15:13, NIV; cf. Jn 13:38)





JOHN 10:12-13  
WORKERS WORK  
FOR WAGES



- 12 Yet, the hired worker (who is not a shepherd – who is not the sheep's own) sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and flees. And the wolf drags them away and scatters [them]. 13 [He flees] because he is a hired worker and he is not concerned about the sheep. (Jn 10:12-13, AT)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- 14 I am the Shepherd – the Good One – 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 (Jn 10:14-15, AT)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will **put my Spirit in you** and move you to **follow** my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Eze 36:26-27, NIV)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- 31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “when I will make **a new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. (Jer 31:31-32, NIV)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- 33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘**Know the Lord,**’ because **they will all know me,** from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” (Jer 31:31-34, NIV)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- We know that we have come to **know him if we keep his commands** (1 Jn 2:3, NIV)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- 9 “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. **Remain** in my love. 10 If you **keep my commands**, you will **remain** in my love, as I have **kept the commands of My Father** and **remain** in His love.”  
(Jn 15:9-10, AT)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- In fact, this is **love for God**: to **keep his commands**. And his commands are not burdensome, (1 Jn 5:3, NIV)





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- **28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. 30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31 So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. (Ac 20:28-31, NIV)**





JOHN 10:14-15  
REAL RECOGNIZE  
REAL



- “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in **sheep’s clothing**, but inwardly they are **ferocious wolves**.

(Mt 7:15, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- I also have other sheep which are not from this sheepfold. Those I must also bring, and they will hear my voice and they will be(come) one flock, one Shepherd (Jn 10:16, AT)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- I will place over them **one shepherd**, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their **shepherd**.  
(Eze 34:23, NIV; cf. Eze 37:24)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- 2 “I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.
- 3 I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and **all peoples on earth**  
**will be blessed through you.”**

(Gen 12:2-3, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- 8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and **announced the gospel** in advance to **Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”**
- 9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Gal 3:8-9, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



he says:

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a **light for the Gentiles,**  
that my **salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”**

(Is 49:6, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- 26 So in Christ Jesus you are **all children of God through faith**, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is **neither Jew nor Gentile**, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal 3:26-29, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the **sin of the world!** (Jn 1:29, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the **Savior of the world.**” (Jn 4:42, NIV; cf. Jn 3:16)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- 45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. “What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and **then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.**” (Jn 11:45-48, NIV)





JOHN 10:16  
ONE FLOCK,  
ONE SHEPHERD



- 49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that **one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.**” 51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would **die for the Jewish nation,** 52 and **not only** for that nation **but also for the scattered children of God,** to bring them together and make them **one.** (Jn 11:49-52, NIV)





JOHN 10:17  
CHRISTIAN LOVE  
WINS



- For this reason the Father loves me:  
because I lay down My life – in order that  
I may take it up again. (Jn 10:17, AT)





JOHN 10:17  
CHRISTIAN LOVE  
WINS



- “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you **loved me before the creation of the world.** (Jn 17:24, NIV)





JOHN 10:18  
VOLUNTARY, OBEDIENT  
SELF-SACRIFICE



- No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down myself. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the command I received from My Father. (Jn 10:18, AT)





JOHN 10:18  
VOLUNTARY, OBEDIENT  
SELF-SACRIFICE



- 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will **raise it again** in three days.” 20 They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his **body**. (Jn 2:19-21, NIV)





JOHN 10:18  
VOLUNTARY, OBEDIENT  
SELF-SACRIFICE



- This man was handed over to you **by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge**; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But **God raised him from the dead**, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. (Ac 2:23-24, NIV)





JOHN 10:19  
DIVISIVE  
DELIVERER



- Division came about again among the Jews because of these words.  
(Jn 10:19, AT)





JOHN 10:19  
DIVISIVE  
DELIVERER



- Then **some** of the Pharisees were saying, "This man is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath." But **others** were saying, "How can a sinful man perform such signs?" And there was **division** among them. (Jn 9:16, AT)





JOHN 10:20-21  
CRAZY OR  
CHRIST?



- 20 And, **many** of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why listen to Him?" 21 **Others** were saying, "These are not the sayings of one who is demon-possessed. A demon can't open the eyes of the blind now can it?" (Jn 10:20-21, AT)

