

The Good Shepherd

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[0 : 00] The Good Shepherd. Our passage today is Jesus said, I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John chapter 10 verse 11.

In all parts of the Old Testament there are many references to sheep and to shepherds. God is said to be like a shepherd in Psalm 23 and in Isaiah 40 verse 11.

Many religious leaders in Israel were called shepherds over their people and this was so in the time of Jesus as well. But so often in the Old Testament as in the time of Jesus these leaders turned out to be false shepherds, no better than thieves and robbers.

In contrast to these Jesus declares himself to be the Good Shepherd and so he proved to be. For the word good you could say flawless, genuine, it means this and more.

Jesus is without peer and he came to lay down his life for his sheep. In laying down his life on the cross he gave to all who trust and follow him a saved life.

[1 : 09] John 10 verse 9. An abundant life. Verse 10. And a prayer.

Dear Lord, I am so prone to wonder. Please help me always to listen to your voice and to follow you knowing that you are the Good Shepherd.

He gives me an abundant life. Amen.