

The Gospel of John



15. The Good Shepherd

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*“ Truly, truly, I say to you,
before Abraham was, I am. ”*

(John 8:58)

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**“For judgment I came into this world,
that those who do not see may see,
and those who see may become blind.”**

(John 9:39)

Reading: John 10:1-6

The Gospel According to
JOHN

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ing, ^cis preferred before
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fore me."

Context, context, context...

1. Within John's gospel

- The man born blind was cast out by the Pharisees
- Jesus found him. The man believed and worshipped
- The Pharisees remained blind

2. The culture and customs of the time

- The shepherd, his sheep and the sheepfold

3. The prophetic scriptures of the Old Testament

- The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)
- "He shall tend His flock like a shepherd..." (Isaiah 40:11)
- "I will set up over them one shepherd,
my servant David..." (Ezekiel 34:23)

The True Shepherd

Truly, truly, I say to you,
he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door
but climbs in by another way,
that man is a **thief** and a **robber**.

Deception and violence

But he who enters by the door
is the **shepherd** of the sheep.

(John 10:1-2)



The True Shepherd

The sheep hear his voice,
and he calls his own sheep by name
and leads them out.

Wonderful!

When he has brought out all his own,
he goes before them,
and the sheep follow him,
for they know his voice.

How many?

(John 10:3-4)

The True Shepherd

An allegory,
an extended metaphor

Are we
also blind

This figure of speech Jesus used with them,
but they did not understand
what He was saying to them.

(John 10:6)

What was the Lord saying to them?



The True Shepherd cares for the sheep

Jesus heard that they had cast him out,
and having found him...

(John 9:35)



He will tend His flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs in His arms;
He will carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

(Isaiah 40:11)

Reading: John 10:7-21

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¹ ^aJohn 1:1
^bRev. 19:13
^c[John 17:5]
^a[1 John 5:20]

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³ ^a[Col. 1:16, 17]
⁴ ^a[1 John 5:11]
^bJohn 8:12, 9:5;
12:46

⁵ ^a[John 3:19]
⁶ ^aMatt. 3:1-17
⁷ ^aJohn 3:25-36;
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The Good Shepherd

Truly, truly, I say to you,

I am the door of the sheep.

The way into His sheepfold

Deception
and violence

All who came before Me
are thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not listen to them.

Why not?

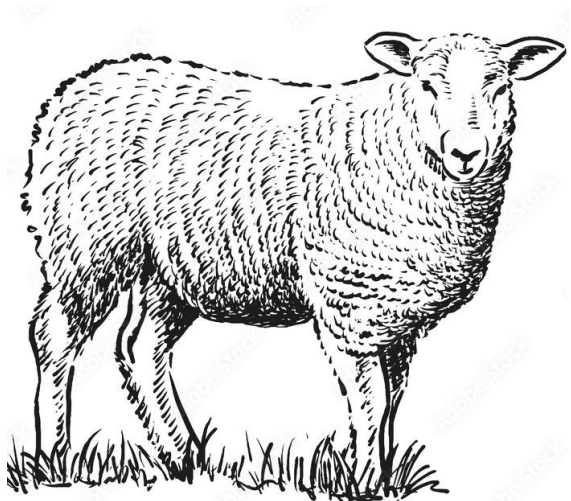
I am the door.

If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved
and will go in and out and find pasture.

(John 10:7-9)

Safe and secure

Well fed



The Good Shepherd



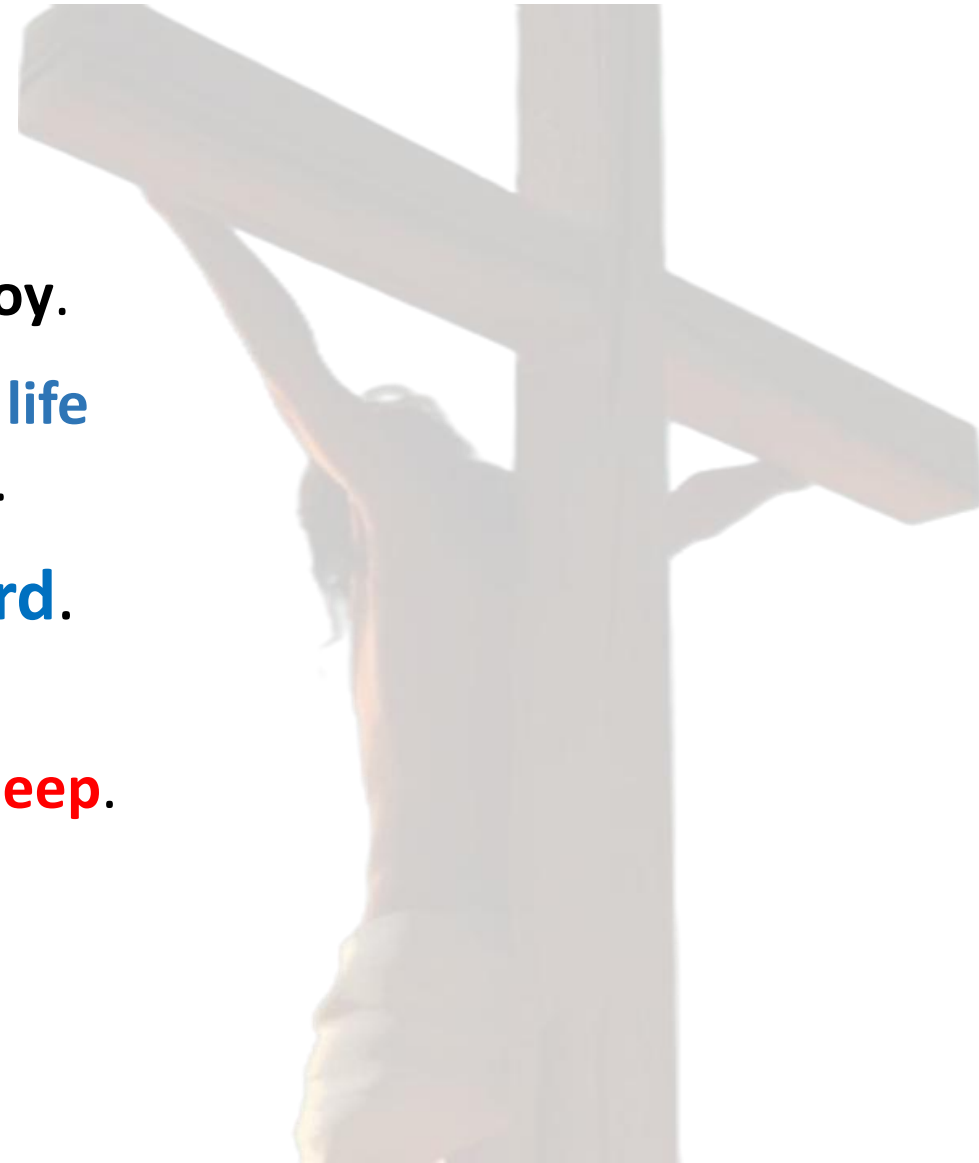
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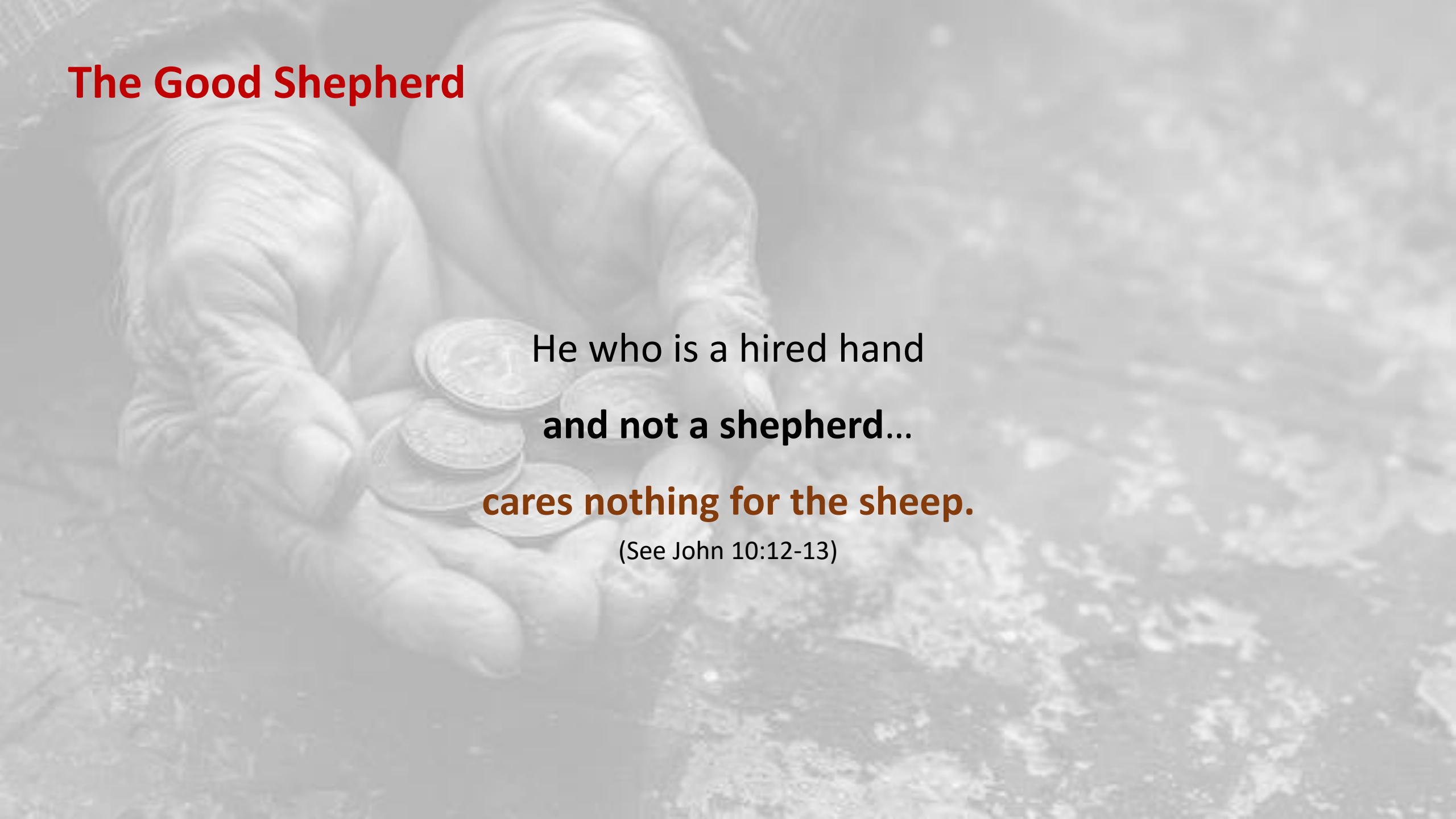
I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.

(John 10:10-11)



The Good Shepherd

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He who is a hired hand
and not a shepherd...
cares nothing for the sheep.

(See John 10:12-13)

The Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd.

Amazing!

I know My own
and My own know Me,
just as the Father knows Me
and I know the Father;

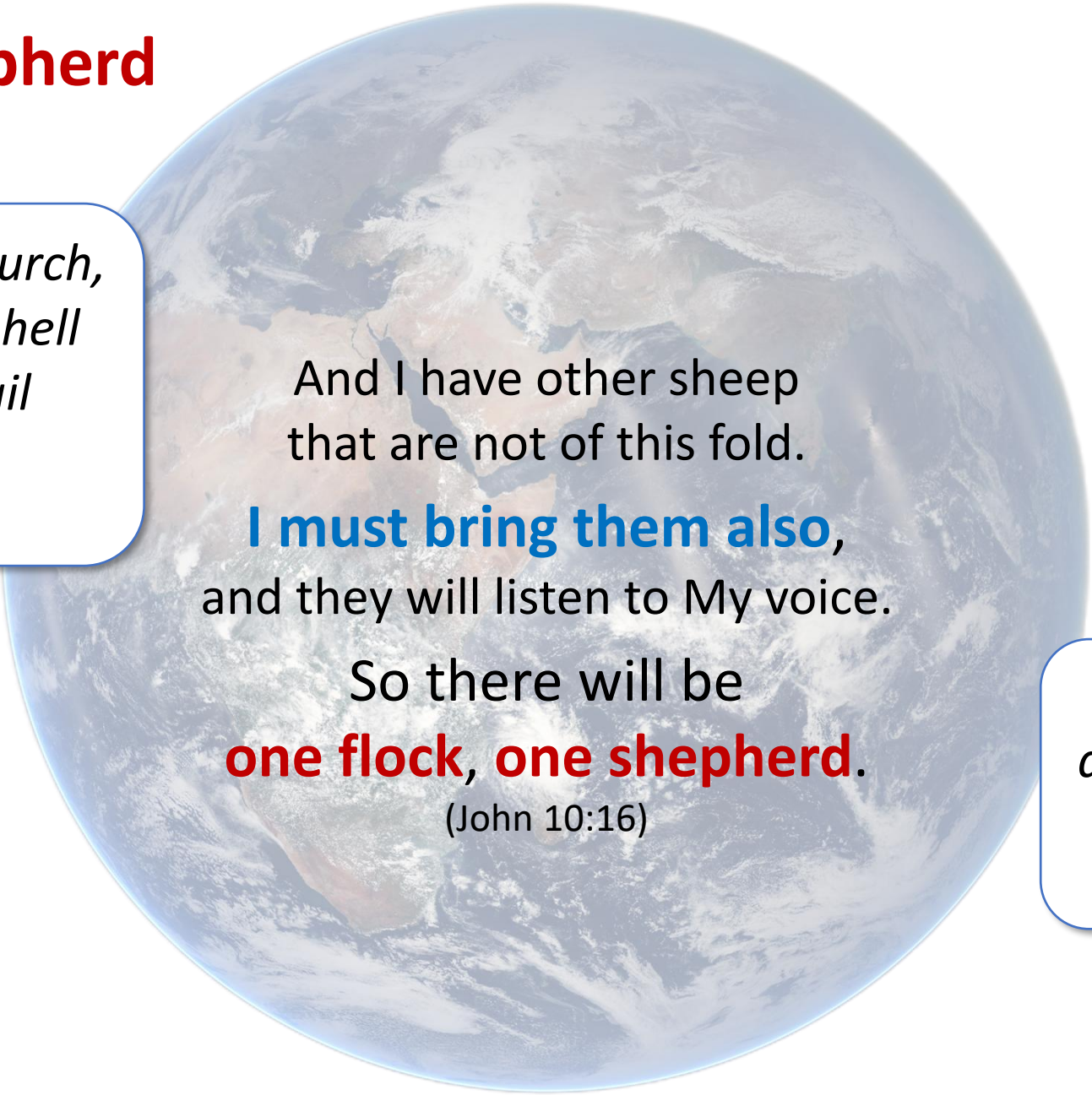
and I lay down My life for the sheep.

(John 10:14-15)

By this we know love,
that He laid down His life for us...

(1 John 3:16)

The Good Shepherd



*"I will build My church,
and the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it."*

(Matthew 16:18)

And I have other sheep
that are not of this fold.

I must bring them also,
and they will listen to My voice.

So there will be
one flock, one shepherd.

(John 10:16)

*"Go therefore
and make disciples
of all nations..."*

(Matthew 28:19)

The Good Shepherd

For this reason the Father loves Me,
because I lay down My life
that I may take it up again.

No one takes it from Me,
but I lay it down of My own accord.

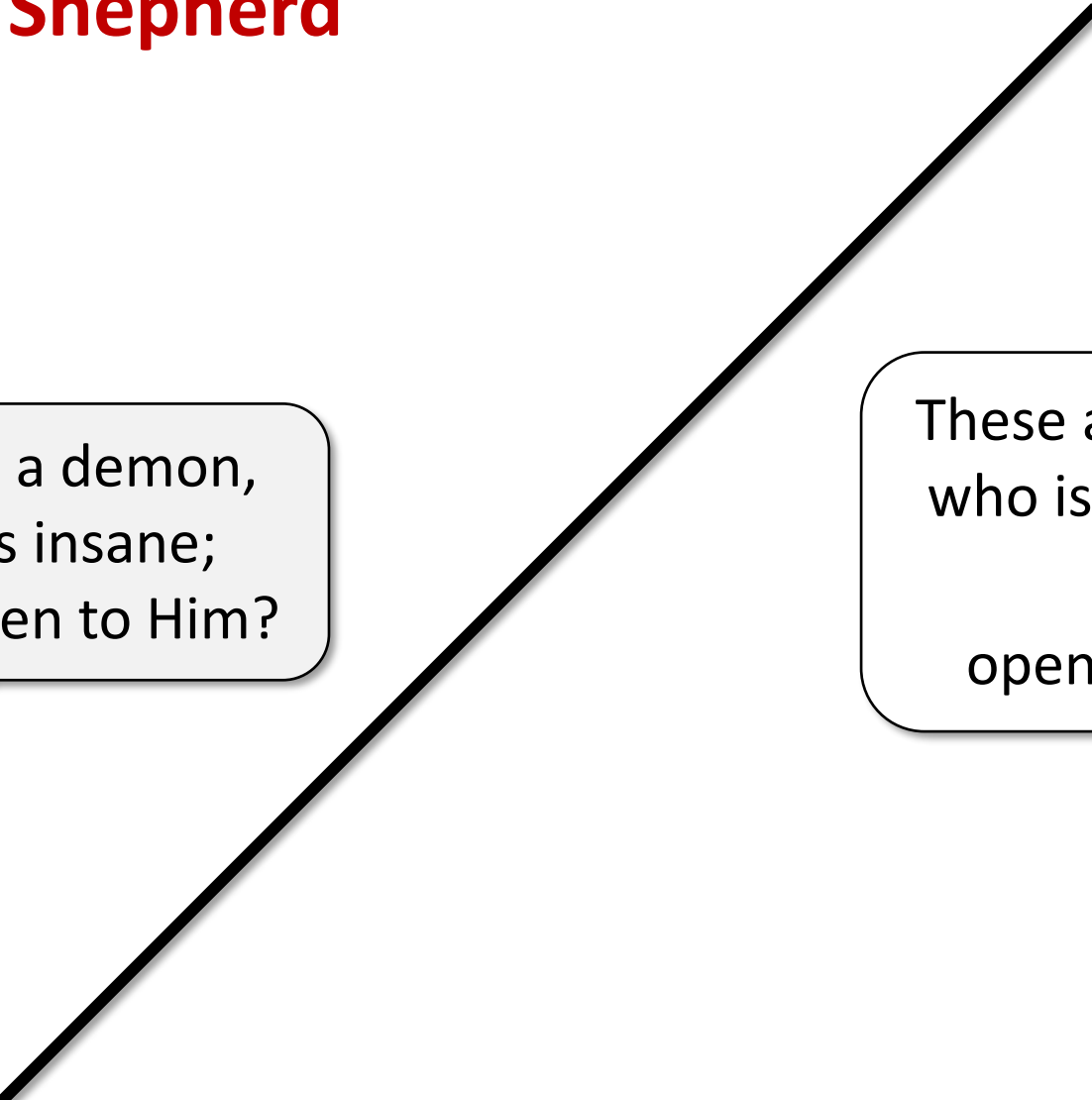
I have authority to lay it down,
and I have authority to take it up again.

This charge I have received from My Father.
(John 10:17-18)

The perfect love
of the Son!

The perfection
of the Son!

The Good Shepherd



He has a demon,
and is insane;
why listen to Him?

These are not the words of one
who is oppressed by a demon.
Can a demon
open the eyes of the blind?

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One with the Father...

Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.
So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him,

“How long will You keep us in suspense?
If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

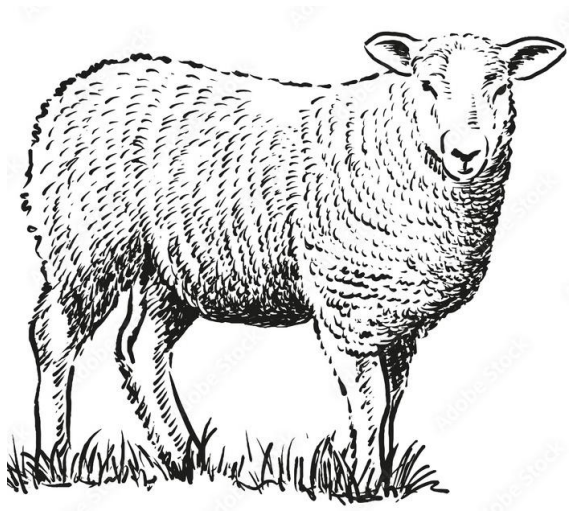
(John 10:23-24)

One with the Father...

Recognise it
and listen to it

My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.

(John 10:27)



One with the Father...

My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me.

I give them eternal life,
and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them
out of My hand.

My Father, **who has given them to Me,**
is greater than all,
and no one is able to snatch them
out of the Father's hand.

(John 10:28-29)

One with the Father...

Two persons

One essence

“I and the Father are one.”

The Jews picked up stones **again** to stone Him.

John 8:58-59

**“...for blasphemy, because You,
being a man, make Yourself God.”**

See John 10:30-33

One with the Father...

Psalm 82:6

“Is it not written in your Law,
‘I said, you are gods’?”

If He called them gods
to whom the word of God came
—*and Scripture cannot be broken*—

do you say of Him
whom the Father consecrated
and sent into the world,
‘You are blaspheming,’
because I said, ***‘I am the Son of God’?***
(John 10:34-36)

Hebrew: *’elôhîym*
(In Greek: *Theos*)
Mighty ones,
magistrates, rulers,
gods, God

One with the Father...

If I am not doing the works of My Father,
then do not believe Me;

but if I do them,
even though you do not believe Me,
believe the works,
that you may know and understand that
the Father is in Me and I am in the Father.

(John 10:37-38)

*"I and the Father
are one."*



Again they sought to arrest Him, but He escaped from their hands.

(John 10:39)

One with the Father...

**Again they sought to arrest Him,
but He escaped from their hands.
(John 10:39)**

He went away again across the Jordan
...and there He remained.

And many came to Him.

And they said,
“John did no sign,
but everything that John said
about this man was true.”

And many believed in Him there.

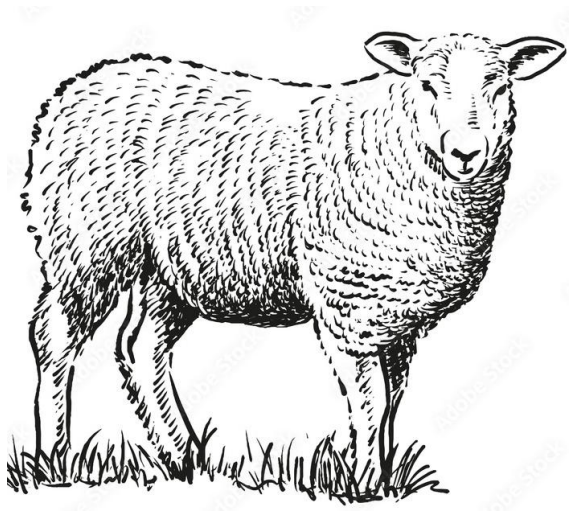
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