

**Message title: I Am the Good Shepherd**  
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**John 10:11–33**

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good *shepherd*. The good *shepherd* *lays down* his life for the *sheep*. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the *sheep*.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good *shepherd*; I know my *sheep* and my *sheep* know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the *Father* knows me and I know the *Father*—and I *lay down* my life for the *sheep*. <sup>16</sup>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*. <sup>17</sup>The reason my *Father* loves me is that I *lay down* my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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*.”

<sup>19</sup>The Jews who heard these words were again divided. <sup>20</sup>Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?”

<sup>21</sup>But others said, “These are not the sayings of someone possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

<sup>22</sup>Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my *Father*’s name testify about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not my *sheep*. <sup>27</sup>My *sheep* listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My *Father*, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my *Father*’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the *Father* are one.”

<sup>31</sup>Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup>but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the *Father*. For which of these do you stone me?”

<sup>33</sup>“We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

**Some things to remember:**

- Jesus is the Good Shepherd. What does that mean?
- The life of a sheep is dangerous. But we have we have some advantages:
- The shape of our own calling