

I AM

SERMONS FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL

The Good Shepherd





- Peace-filled
- Rest-filled
- Affectionate

- Gentleness
- Goodness
- Security



My Hero



John 10:11-21 (NIV)

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

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

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What is a Good Shepherd?

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What does He do? vs. 14-16

1. He knows the sheep. Our need - being known
2. He lays down His life for the sheep. Our need - being loved
3. He unites the sheep. Our need - to belong

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and I know the Father



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