



The Shepherd Who Stays John 10:14-15

Big Idea: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows us deeply, reveals God perfectly, and loves us sacrificially – calling us to trust and follow Him.

I. The Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep (John 10:14)

II. The Good Shepherd Reveals the Father (John 10:15a)

- A. Jesus' relationship with us is patterned after the Trinity
- B. Jesus reflects God perfectly [Hebrews 1:3, Isaiah 40:11]

III. The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life (v. 15b)

- A. Reflects Personal Responsibility [Amos 3:12, Exodus 22:13]
- B. Goes Beyond Expectation [John 10:11, 17-18]
- C. Proof of His love: The Cross [1 John 3:16]

Living as Known and Loved Sheep
You are fully known – nothing hidden
You are deeply loved – at the cost of His life
You are invited into relationship—not religion

Study Jesus compares His relationship with believers to His relationship with the Father. What does that reveal about:

- [1] The depth of intimacy God desires with you?
- [2] The nature of true Christianity (relationship vs. religion)?

Challenge Spend time daily in John 10 or Psalm 23, listening for the Shepherd's voice.

Prayer Thank the Good Shepherd for knowing you, loving you, and laying down His life for you. Ask for help to trust Him more, follow Him more closely, and rest in His care.

[John 10:14-15] I am the good shepherd. [10:11] I know my own [10:27, Nahum 1:7, 2 Timothy 2:19] and my own know me, [10:4] ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; [Matthew 11:27] and I lay down my life for the sheep. [10:11]

[Nahum 1:7] The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows [H: yada] those who take refuge in him.

[John 17:1-3] [High Priestly Prayer] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, [G: ginōskō] the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

[2 Timothy 2:19a] But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows [G: ginōskō] those who are his," . . .

[John 17:3] And this is eternal life, that they know [G: ginōskō] you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

[Philippians 3:8-11] Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[Isaiah 40:11 - NLT] He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. [tenderness] He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young. [leading]

[John 10:11] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

[Amos 3:12a] Thus says the Lord: "As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear . . .

[Exodus 22:13] If [a sheep] is torn by beasts, let him bring it as evidence. He shall not make restitution for what has been torn

[John 10:17-18] "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

[1 John 3:16] By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.