

I Am the Good Shepherd

The Seven I AM Statements in John · I Am Statements

Building on the door imagery, Jesus identifies Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. Unlike hired hands who flee when wolves attack, the Good Shepherd sacrifices Himself for His flock. He knows His sheep intimately—each by name—and they know His voice. This statement anticipates the cross where Jesus, the Shepherd, would be struck and die for His sheep, gathering them into one fold under one Shepherd.

Key Verses

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

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