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JOHN 10:22-30

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***Do YOU really know the
Shepherd?"***

What difference does it make

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- Jesus possesses certain qualities that qualify Him to be called the Good Shepherd
- **v1-5 HE POSSESSES THE RIGHT CREDENTIALS**
 - **V1-3A HE CAME PROPERLY**
 - Jesus proves that He is the Shepherd of the sheep because He came into the world in the right manner. He entered according to plan. He had presented His **credentials to His people.**

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- He had been virgin born - Isa. 7:14;
Matt. 1:21-23
- 2. He had been born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2;
Matt. 2:4-6
- 3. He had come in the fullness of time - Gal. 4:4
- 4. He had been brought out of Egypt - Hos. 11:1;
Matt. 2:14-15
- 5. His arrival had provoked the rage of the enemy -
Jer. 31:15; Matt. 2:16-18.

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- He was the right person, born in the right place, arriving at the right time, summoned from the right country, and attended by the right sign.
- He possesses all the credentials necessary to prove that He is the Good Shepherd! (Ill. Luke 4:18-19; Isa. 61:1-2) When Jesus came with the right credentials, John the Baptist openly introduced Him to the nation and declared His **identity - John 1:29.**

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- **HE CALLS PROPERLY** - There may be several flocks sharing the same sheepfold. However, when the shepherd of the sheep walks up to the door and calls his sheep, they instantly recognize his voice and respond to him. They know his call.

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- **v.4-5 He Commands Properly - When the shepherd calls forth, his sheep, he goes before them and they instinctively follow him. He doesn't have to drive them, He just leads them out and they follow close behind.**

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- **When you are saved by the grace of God, you will have a desire to follow the Good Shepherd! When saved and your heart is right with God, you do not have to be begged to come to worship, to tithe, to share their faith,**
- **When called out by the Shepherd, you have a burning burden to worship Him, 2 Cor. 5:17. Their heart's desire is summed up by 1 Cor. 10:31.)**

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- v6-10 **HE POSSESSES THE RIGHT CHARACTER**
- **His Personality** - Jesus reveals His identity as the Door.
- There was only one opening going into or out of the sheepfold.
- It was in this opening that the shepherd lay. Therefore, the shepherd Himself became the door of the sheep. Nothing could enter the fold, nothing could exit the fold without going through the shepherd himself.

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- If anyone desires entrance into the fold of God, there is only one door. That door is Jesus Himself! He is the only way to God, Eph. 2:18; John 14:6; Acts 4:12.
- 1 John 5:12. Jesus is the only way to the Father. Any other way leads to death and damnation - Matt. 7:13-14.)
- He is the only - 1 Tim. 2:5

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- v9 HIS PERFORMANCE - Jesus tells His listeners that He alone is the door into God's eternal salvation.
- His promise- To be Rescued from the wrath of God and to experience the fullness of God's perfect salvation.
- When a sinner comes to Jesus- they are forever delivered from the awesome wrath of Almighty God - **John 5:24; Rom. 5:9.**

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- **HIS PROMISE** - The thief is a threat to the sheep. He doesn't care about their welfare.
- The Good Shepherd, on the other hand, comes so that the sheep might experience a life that is immeasurably better.
- He cares about the sheep and He promises them a new and better life in Himself.
- Everything changes- [must] when a person meets Jesus! When He enters into a life, it cannot remain the same.
- He gives us the ability to live better, to love better and to do something with our lives that will glorify God. Jesus makes the difference between a life that is lived for the devil and one that is lived for the Lord - Eph. 2:1-4

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- **v11-16 HE POSSESSES THE RIGHT CONCERN**
- **His Concern Is Proven By His Sacrifice - Jesus explains the difference between the concerned shepherd and the hireling.**
- **The hireling is there only for the pay . When trouble comes, he runs away and leaves the sheep to be devoured by the wolves. The shepherd, on the other hand, owns the sheep and has a vested interested in their welfare.**
- **The Good shepherd is willing to pay any price to protect the sheep, even if it means that he has to give His very life for them.**

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- v14 His Concern Is Proven By His Sheep - Jesus speaks of the bond that exists between the shepherd and his sheep. They know Him and will not follow another, and the shepherd knows his sheep.
- The individual sheep in a flock all look alike to the untrained eye.
- A good shepherd, however, can tell them apart, often because of their defects and peculiar traits.

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- The Good Shepherd knows His sheep?
- He knows everything there is to know about you - Matt. 10:29-31; Matt. 6:8. He knows every strength and every weakness. He knows every joy and every burden.
- He knows every mountain and every valley. He knows every victory and every battle and He stands ready to help you in your times of need, Heb. 4:15-16.
- He is your Good Shepherd and He will look after you- Psa. 23:1-6
- He is still Jehovah-Jireh – The Lord will see to it!", Gen. 22:14

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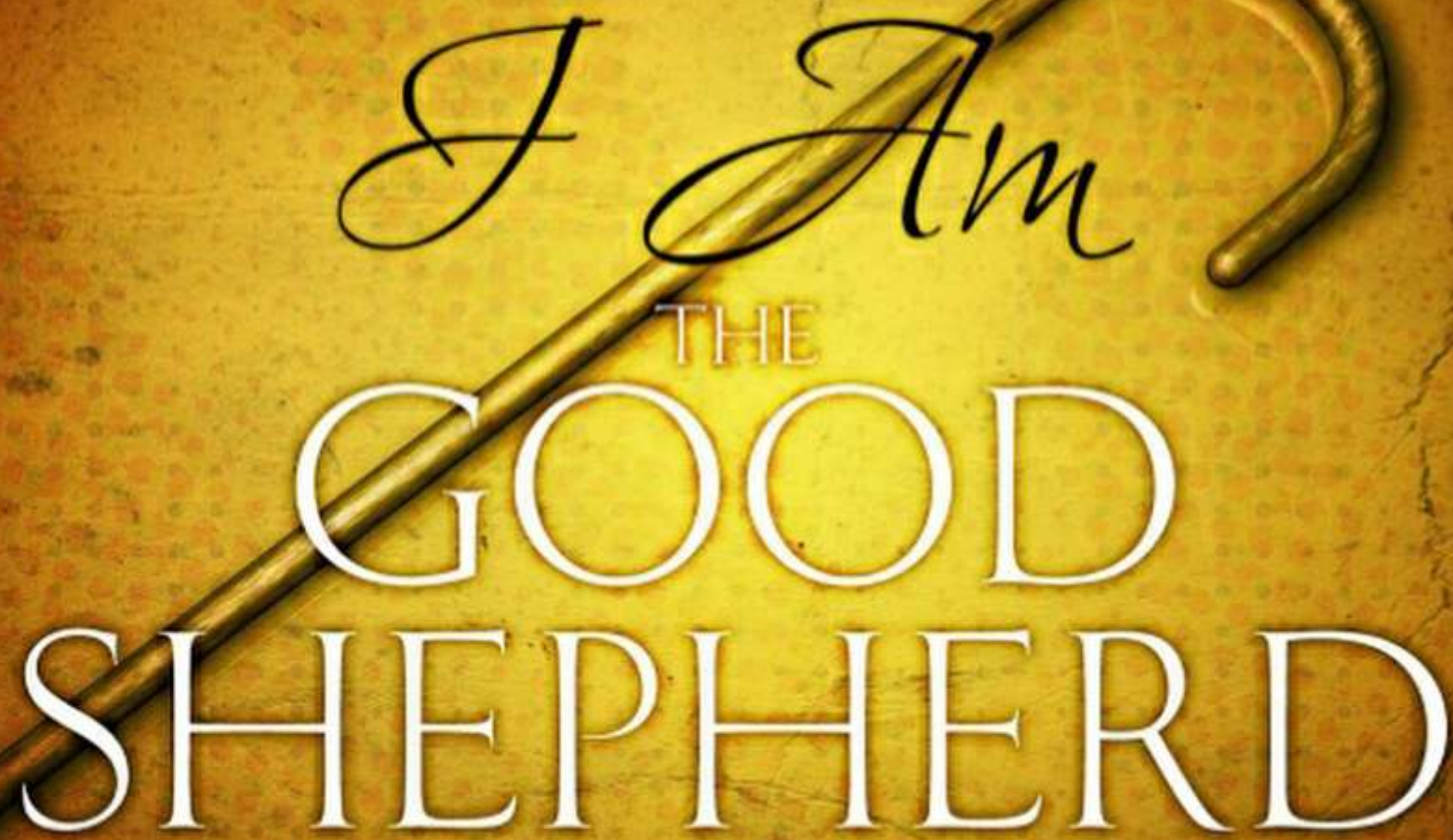
- When faith is placed in Jesus Christ, salvation is always the result. This salvation is complete, Heb. 7:25; and it is eternal, vs. 28-29.
- If you will come to Him and will place your trust in Him, He will save your soul.
- All who will respond to Him in faith will be brought into the flock and will be saved, Acts 16:31.

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- The only question that remains at this point ... is this: *Do you know the Good Shepherd*

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- **Knowing the Shepherd makes your life more abundant and rich.**



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