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On Sunday we saw Jesus' statement that He is the *Good Shepherd*. Not only is our Messiah the Lamb of God, but He is also the Shepherd of the sheep. He became a Lamb when He came as one of us- God in the flesh. Only a perfect one of us could die to save us. He is also, however, the Shepherd of the sheep- us. We are lost, helpless, and without hope without the Good Shepherd to lead and guide us.

John 10:14-18 *"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."*

1. Jesus is the *Good Shepherd* vs. 14

The Good Shepherd lays his life down for His sheep

- a. His death was selfless

Rom. 5:7-8 *"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

- b. His death was sacrificial – vs. 14

- He died in our place
- We should have faced God's righteous judgment because of our sins
- Jesus intervened with His own blood

II Cor. 5:21 *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

Note: What a trade! I gave Him my sin and He gave me His righteousness in return!

2. The Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep Personally – vs. 14

- Christ came to have a relationship with us possible – “and am known by My own...”
- He knows us perfectly...

Luke 12:7 *“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”*

- We cannot know God in the same way we are known
- But we can know Him!
- In fact, the deciding factor when you die and stand before the Lord isn’t how good a life you’ve lived

Matthew 7:23 *“And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'”*

- This “never knew you” doesn’t mean God is not aware of your existence
- He knows everyone
- But it’s not that sheep/shepherd intimate relationship

3. The Good Shepherd has Other Sheep – vs. 16

- In this, Jesus is referring to the Gentiles – us!
- This is the missionary mandate that Christ gave us – Matt. 28:19

4. The Father Loves the Good Shepherd – vs. 17

- No one took Jesus’ life – He laid it down for us
- His act of love for us brought out once again the love of the Father – The Father loves the Son for loving us

5. Jesus is Either Crazy or He is God

John 10:19-20 *“Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. 20 And many of them said, 'He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?'”*

John 10:21 *“Others said, 'These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?'”*

- a. His Words – “these are not the words of one who has a demon...”
- b. His works – “Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?” (Just before they had all witnessed Jesus miracle of restoring sight...)

Questions:

1. Ps Ken mentioned on Sunday that the word used for “Good” in reference to the “Good Shepherd,” means “excellence” or “beauty.” How does Jesus’ laying down His life for us seem beautiful?
2. Who are the “other sheep” mentioned in John 10? What were some of Jesus’ last words to us from Matthew 28:19-20?
3. Some of the people thought Jesus was demon-possessed or crazy. Others defended Him saying His words were not those of a crazy man and a demon-possessed man could not make a blind man see. We all must answer this question: is Jesus crazy or is He truly God? What was your response like when you first heard the gospel? Did you believe right away or did it take some time?

Prayer: *“Father, once again thank you for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Thank you that Jesus was the Bread of Life, the Light of this world, the Door to the sheep, and the Good Shepherd. Thank you that His death was both sacrificial and selfless and He died for me even while I was a sinner. Help me to live my life for Him and point others to Him from this day forward. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.”*