

# The Great I AM: The Good Shepherd

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John 10:11, 14-15

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12-13... 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."

## 1. WE ARE LIKE SHEEP

Psalms 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd...

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

## 2. SHEEP NEED A SHEPHERD

John 10:14

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me..."

## 3. JESUS LOVES HIS SHEEP

### - HE HAS COMPASSION FOR LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:4-6

4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'"

Isaiah 40:11

[The Sovereign Lord] tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.

### - HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:27-28

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

### - HE COMMANDS HIS FOLLOWERS TO "FEED" HIS SHEEP

John 21:

Jesus told Peter that if he loved Him he would... "Feed my sheep".

Psalms 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.