

The Parable of the Good Shepherd & His Sheep

Text: John 10:1-11

Main Idea: Jesus is the Good Shepherd caring for God's people!

Understanding the Parable in its *immediate context*:

- The thieves and robbers must refer to the false shepherds of Israel, the _____.
- The _____ doesn't represent the church or heaven, but Israel.
- The sheep who respond to His call are those of His own who are within _____ (i.e. the man born blind, disciples, Mary, Martha, Lazarus). There is another flock made of _____ who will also hear His voice. (v. 16)
- The gatekeeper must be God or the _____ who opens to Christ and releases the sheep to Christ's call.

1. Jesus, the Good Shepherd _____ His sheep. (3-6)

- Jesus _____ His sheep. (3a)
- He _____ His sheep by name. (3b)
- He _____ His sheep out into green pastures. (3c-5, Ps 23)

2. Jesus, the Good Shepherd _____ His sheep. (7-10)

- He is the _____ which provides the only way of salvation for His sheep. (v. 7)
- He exposes & denounces the false shepherds who _____ the flock: Thieves & Robbers. (v. 1, 8, 10, Matt 23)
- He extends the message of _____ & promises abundant life: "If anyone enters by me." (v. 9b, 10b)

3. Jesus, the Good Shepherd _____ His life for His sheep. (11)