

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read the text. What this mean to you and I?
- B. Regarding the text.
 - 1. One of the first memories that we have of the things we were taught as children concerning Jesus Christ is that he is the good shepherd.
 - a. It shows that Jesus is with us wherever we go (Mt. 28:19-20).
 - b. It shows that Jesus provides for us (Mt. 6:33).
 - 2. Knowledge of that which is good is essential to our living the Christian life.
 - a. If we learn all that we can learn about Christ, we will get as close to him as we can.
 - b. We need to learn all that is needed to learn about him.
 - 3. Let us learn about Christ as the good shepherd.

DISCUSSION

- I. JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD BECAUSE— HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP.
 - A. This characteristic is paramount to us because we are his sheep.
 - 1. The good shepherd will jeopardize his own life to protect his sheep – 1 SA 17:34-36.
 - 2. The hireling does not love the sheep so he will not die to protect them – JN 10:12, 13).
 - 3. Because we belong to Christ we can be assured that he loves us this much – JN 3:16.
 - B. The good shepherd came to live with man and to die for him.
 - 1. He lived as man therefore he knows what man's needs and weaknesses are – HE 4:15.
 - 2. He died for man so man's sins could be forgiven – HE 9:22.
 - 3. He was delivered for us and raised for our justification – RO 4:25.
 - C. We should follow him because he is the only one who will live and die for us.
- II. JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD BECAUSE—HE CARES FOR HIS SHEEP.
 - A. We are to cast our cares upon him because he cares for us – 1 PE 5:7.
 - 1. He gives material blessings to all – MT 5:44-48.
 - 2. However, only those who are in Christ have spiritual blessings – EP 1:3.
 - B. He will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to bear – 1 CO 10:13.
 - 1. Satan is constantly trying to get us to denounce Christ – 1 PE 5:8.
 - 2. We can rest assured that if we will just look for the way of escape and follow it we can resist temptation – HE 6:18.
 - 3. He gives us the peace of God which passes all understanding – PH 4:7.
- III. JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD BECAUSE—HE KNOWS HIS SHEEP.
 - A. He knows his sheep so well he knows their names – JN 10:3.
 - B. He knows his sheep so well he knows what is in them – JN 2:25.
 - C. He knows his sheep so well he knows their needs – MT 6:32.

CONCLUSION

- A. We have seen that Jesus is the good shepherd because—
 - 1. He gave his life for us.
 - 2. He cares for us.
 - 3. He knows us.
- B. Therefore we should follow him and him alone.