

The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

John 10:1-21 & Psalm 23

After Jesus makes the exclusive claim, “I am the door of the sheep,” he now gives a more pastoral image, “I am the good shepherd.” This week we consider the good shepherd laying down his life for the sheep. Next week we will explore how the good shepherd knows his own and his own know him. Behind both of these declarations is the richness of David’s Psalm 23.

The Good Shepherd Has Supreme Authority (*John 10*)

To fulfill his painful purpose (*vs 12-13*)

To lay his life down (cross) (*vs 17-18*)

To take his life back up (resurrection) (*vs 17-18*)

Has received authority from his Father (*vs 18*)

Is loved by the Father (*vs 17*)

The Good Shepherd Provides All that Is Needed (*Psalm 23*)

Needed rest (*vs 2*)

Peaceful refreshment (*vs 2*)

Soul restoration (*vs 3*)

Righteous guidance (*vs 3*)

Pursued by mercy (*vs 6*)

Secured future (*vs 6*)