

Jesus said,

“I am the Good Shepherd”

John 10:1-21

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# The Jews were divided (John 10:19-21)

Many of them said,

- *“He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?”*

But others said,

- *“These are not the sayings of someone possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”*





# Sheep and shepherd scriptures

- He tends his flock like a shepherd (Isaiah 40:11)
- I myself will gather the remnant of my flock (Jeremiah 23:3)
- I will tend them in a good pasture (Ezekiel 34:14)
- ...and they will all have one shepherd (Ezekiel 37:24)
- He makes me lie down in green pastures (Psalm 23:2)
  
- 55 references in the four gospels alone



# Three levels

- Shepherds, sheep and their enemies
- Pastors, their congregations, and their enemies
- Jesus, His Church, and the Enemy



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- He has *other sheep* (16)

# Characteristics of the Good Shepherd



- His voice is listened to by the sheep (4)
- He owns the sheep (5)
- He calls his own sheep by name (6)
- He knows his sheep (7)
- He lays down his life for the sheep (11,15)
- He has other sheep (16)
- He does all this voluntarily (18)

Your mission,  
should you choose  
to accept it....

# Characteristics of the Good Shepherd



- I **listen to** (3), and **know** (4) his voice
- He **owns** me (12)
- He **cares** for me (13)
- He **knows** my name (3,14)
- He **lays down his life** for me (11,15)
- I'm not his only **sheep** (16)
- He **chooses** to love me (18)

# Psalm 23

- LORD you are my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- You make me lie down in green pastures, you lead me beside quiet waters, you refresh my soul.
- You guide me along the right paths for your name's sake.
- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, LORD, for ever.



