"I am the GOOD Shepherd"

John 10:11-30

Introduction:

John 10:11 is another one of the great "I AM" statements of Jesus Christ.

- To the thirsty, Jesus is the Living Water.
- To the hungry, Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- To those in darkness, Jesus is the Light of the world.
- To those on the wrong path, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
- To those who are disconnected from life, Jesus is the true vine.
- To those who are misguided, Jesus is the Door.
- And now to those who are His sheep, Jesus is the good Shepherd.

many similarities between sheep and people.

--Sheep, like people, are dumb and will wander (if left to themselves)

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

--Sheep, like people, are dirty and need the cleansing that comes from the shepherd

--Sheep, like people, are dependent (and require the shepherd to led, feed, and stay with them)

Psalm 23:1-3 A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

--Sheep, like people, are vulnerable and need the shepherd to protect them

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

(Sheep, like people, if abandoned would be lost, ravaged and devoured by wolves, and die)

**** The Lord is not only our Shepherd (Psalm 23); He is our GOOD Shepherd!***

What does the Good Shepherd do for His sheep?



I. *The Good Shepherd* Sacrificed His life to save His sheep (v.11-13)

II. *The Good Shepherd* Personally Knows each of His sheep (v.14-15)

III. *The Good Shepherd* Gathers & Unites His sheep into one fold (v.16-18)

IV. *The Good Shepherd* Speaks to His Sheep and Leads them through life (v.26-27)

V. *The Good Shepherd* Eternally Holds His sheep and Keeps them Secure (v.28-30)