

# "I Am the Good Shepherd"

Jesus in the Gospel of John John 10:11-18

*11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'* John 10:1-18 (NRSV)

## ◆ John 9:1-12 The Light of the World

*Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.* John 10:1

## ◆ Who is Jesus?

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## ◆ Jesus is God

### ◆ Jesus, the true source of our security

- I am more interested in saving your life than I am in saving my own.
- The Voice of the Martyrs

### ◆ Shepherd and Sheep in Amman, Jordan

### ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:1 "God gives us an eternal building."

### ◆ Jesus is the source of our satisfaction

- "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

### ◆ Psalm 139

- "The Joy of Full Surrender" by Jean-Pierre de Caussade
- Romans 11:36 "for from him and through him and for him are all things."

### ◆ Jesus is why we give

- Our security comes from God. Our sanctuary is with God.

### ◆ Jesus, the Good Shepherd

*16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.* John 10:16

### ◆ Prayer