I am the Good Shepherd

John 10v11-21 KNOWING THE SHEPHERD

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Mt 26v53: Do you not think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than 12 legions of angels?

2) The Good Shepherd – Lives for His Sheep

V17-18: The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – <u>only to take it</u> <u>up again</u>. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down <u>and authority to</u> <u>take it up again</u>.

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3) The Good Shepherd – Cares for His Sheep

V12-13: The hired hand is not the shepherd and **does not own** the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man **runs away** because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

3) The Good Shepherd – Cares for His Sheep

Shepherds	Hired Hands
Own their sheep (v12)	Just a job!
Protect their sheep (v12)	Abandon the sheep and run!
Care for their sheep (v13)	Care nothing for the sheep

3) The Good Shepherd – Cares for His Sheep

"Like a good shepherd, Christ cares tenderly for all his believing people. He provides for all their needs in the wilderness of this world. He bears patiently with their many weaknesses and does not cast them off. He guards and protects them against all their enemies... and of all those the Father has given him – not one will be lost."

V14-15: 'I am the good shepherd; <u>I know</u> <u>my sheep</u> and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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V11: He tends his flock <u>like a shepherd</u>: he <u>gathers</u> the lambs in his arms and <u>carries</u> them close to his heart; he gently <u>leads</u> those that have young.

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V27-28: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

5) The Good Shepherd – Has other Sheep

V16: I have <u>other sheep</u> that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

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Acts 18v9-11: One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.' ¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God