

Sermon

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1. Broadest level: life experience.

*Common sight, weatherbeaten face,
homespun clothing, wooden staff.*



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2. Reader’s ethnic/religious heritage.

Leading figures in Israel’s past were shepherds: Moses, David.

‘poimen’ used metaphorically for Israel’s leaders, future Davidic king, God.

Governing = shepherding.



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3. Clusters of association in John’s Gospel.

10:1-5 shepherd enters sheepfold.

10:7-18 shepherd lays down life for sheep.

10:22-30 no one will snatch sheep.

21:15-17 feed ... tend ... feed.



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4. Affective level.

- i. Nostalgia: idyllic, shady beech tree, pipe*
- ii. Suspicion: rough, unscrupulous characters*



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- Positive or negative.
- Comfort or suspicion.
- Peace or uneasiness.
- Oxymoron.



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‘kalos’

morally right, more valuable
“model”, “true”, “honest”

“good wine” John 2:10



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Why?

- Jesus lays down his life for his sheep.
- Jesus cares for the sheep.
- Jesus knows/has a relationship with his sheep.
- Jesus is inclusive – has other sheep.
- Jesus has ultimate authority.
He can take his life up again
(new beginnings).



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As opposed to ...

- Hired hand abandons the sheep and runs away.
- Wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them.
- Historical bad/selfish shepherds (kings)
(Ezekiel 34:1-10; Jeremiah 23:1-3;
Zechariah 11:15-17)



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Psalm 23 (NIV)

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths ...
4 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.



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Psalm 23 (NIV)

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.



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12 “... the wolf **attacks** the flock and **scatters it.**”



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16 “I have other sheep 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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