

The Master's Mission: Shepherd

Day 1: Matt 2⁶ And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah: because out of you will come a leader who will shepherd My people Israel.”

“A leader who will shepherd...”

Consider what it means to “shepherd”

Day 2: Isa. 53:6 We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way...

How are people like sheep? How are YOU like a sheep? Where have you “wandered”?

Day 3: Ezekiel 34: 11 “For this is what the Lord GOD says: See, I Myself will search for My flock and look for them. 12 As a shepherd looks for his sheep on the day he is among his scattered flock, so I will look for My flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples, gather them from the countries, and bring them into their own land. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the land. 14 I will tend them with good pasture, and their grazing place will be on Israel’s lofty mountains. There they will lie down in a good grazing place; they will feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will tend My flock and let them lie down.” This is the declaration of the Lord GOD. 16 “I will seek the lost, bring back the strays, bandage the injured, and strengthen the weak, but I will destroy the fat and the strong. I will shepherd them with justice.

Day 4: Psalm 23

Consider the intimacy in this relationship, the closeness of the provision and the trust.

Day 5: Luke 15:3-7

While a great demonstration of care for the “one”, recognize that God does not have to “leave” the 99; His infinite capacity allows Him to treat each of us as the only one.

Day 6: John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... ¹⁴“I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, ¹⁵ as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep.

Jesus, is the Good Shepherd – sacrificing Himself for our benefit and leading us through whatever terrain we face to safe pasture, to nourishment and rest.

Are you following this “Good Shepherd”?

What are you doing to “know His voice” and distinguish it from all other voices?

What are you doing to “stay with the flock”?

Do you see a need for an attitude shift? Do you view your faith and God’s instructions for life to be restrictive?

Do you feel like you “have to” follow Him?

You “have to” be in fellowship with others?

You “have to” serve, give, sacrifice?

How our lives would change if we understood the privilege of walking with Christ as our Shepherd!

We don’t “have to”... we “get to”...

He turns to us and asks, “Are You Coming?”