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# Psalm 23:1-6


Psalm 23 paints a picture  
of God being a **loving Shepherd**  
(who guides, protects and provides  
for His flock)





To the Jewish mindset, Psalm 23  
provides **tremendous hope** -  
through times when they were  
exiled into a foreign far-off nation





Not only does Jesus (through His death, burial, and resurrection) **open the gate**, Jesus also **leads** all of His sheep into the fold





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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD



**Jesus** is the only entry point for  
salvation and **life with God**

**John 10:1-10**


**John 10:11**





“Good” = noble; beautiful; admirable  
Jesus is the finest, the most glorious  
and praiseworthy Shepherd  
(He is completely set apart and  
all His ways are good)






The Good Shepherd sacrificially  
and **selflessly surrenders** Himself  
in **substitution** for His sheep's sake

John 10:12-13



**“Flees” = to run away out of fear; to  
escape out of self-preservation**






Even though the cost is **His life**,  
the Good Shepherd joyfully  
embraces it because He **knows**  
and **loves** His sheep

John 10:14-15



**“Know”** = deep intimate, experiential  
knowledge, fully familiar






**All of us** are invited to share the  
same type of intimacy that Jesus  
shares with His heavenly Father  
(**perfect union**)

**John 10:16**



Jesus is sharing this teaching  
to a **Jewish audience** and He is  
informing them that His flock  
isn't exclusively **Jewish**





What unifies **the sheep** is  
their intimate relationship  
with their **Good Shepherd**  
(all of us have that in common)

John 10:17-18





Jesus is not a tragic **victim**,  
but a triumphant **victor**

“To take it up again” = to **receive**  
**back** with power

