

# JESUS

"Jesus is the Good Shepherd"  
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## SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS

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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE HAPPY SHEEP

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*"I AM the gate for the sheep; whoever enters through me will be saved... I AM the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:9-11*

Jesus is both the means of \_\_\_\_\_ into the family of God, and the One who takes \_\_\_\_\_ of us once we enter.

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6*

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27*

*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14*

*"I AM the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry." John 6:35*

As sheep, we cannot provide for our deepest needs, nor can we get these needs met from other human sources. We need the shepherding that only \_\_\_\_\_ can give.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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. Psalm 23*

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