

The Good Shepherd – John 10:1-30
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In contrast to the hard heartedness of Israel's spiritual leadership, Jesus draws upon the imagery of ancient near eastern shepherding to present Himself as the true leader of Israel. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus alone possesses essential qualities that we celebrate as His sheep:

1. Christ is the true shepherd by virtue of his authority (1-6).
2. Christ is the only shepherd by virtue of his divinity (7-10; cf. 28-30).
3. Christ is the saving shepherd by virtue of his sacrifice (8-18).
4. Christ is the guiding shepherd by virtue of his ownership (19-30).