

# "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

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John 10:11 ∨ New International Version ∨

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John 10:14 ∨ New International Version ∨

**14** "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

## WHAT IS THE CONTEXT OF EZEKIEL?

**THE JUDEANS HAVE BEEN EXILED  
TO BABYLONIA BECAUSE ITS  
LEADERS (KINGS & PRIESTS) SINNED  
AGAINST THE LORD**

Ezekiel 34:1-6 ∨ New International Version ∨

### The LORD Will Be Israel's Shepherd

**34** The word of the LORD came to me: **2** "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? **3** You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. **4** You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. **5** So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. **6** My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

Ezekiel 34:7-10 ∨ New International Version ∨

7 "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 10 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.

## WHAT IS THE CONTEXT OF JOHN 10?

### PRIOR TO THE FEAST OF DEDICATION JESUS CONFRONTS THE PHARISEES

John 10:11-13 ∨ New International Version ∨

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

John 10:14-17 ∨ New International Version ∨

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.