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Short Study 044: The "I Am" Statements of Jesus 3 - The Good Shepherd

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Read John 10:1-11 and Psalm 23

Introduction: The aim of this study is to identify in what ways Jesus is "The Good Shepherd". It can be helpful to view the work of Jesus in the light of Psalm 23, and to refer to the Short Study on this Psalm, ref. 003. Below are some suggested scriptures which point to some activities of Jesus, or the result of His activities. Describe those activities or their results (the first one has been done for you).

There are actually two "I Am" statements of Jesus in John Chapter 10: "I am the door of the sheep" (verses 7-9) and "I am the good shepherd" (verse 11-14), but they are intrinsically linked, as we shall see.

<u>Ps 23:</u>	<u>Suggested passage(s)</u>	<u>What Jesus Does</u>	<u>Activity or its result</u>
v1	John 6:35		<i>Provides</i> -----
v2	Matt 11:29		-----
v3	Matt 11:28		-----
	Jer 23:6; Phil 1:11 (ct Matt 15:14)		-----
v4	John 16:33 [Note: See Study 003 for a shepherd's use of a rod and staff.]		-----
	1 Cor 15:55-57		-----
	Matt 28:20 (See also 2 Tim 4:17)		-----
	John 10:7-9. [Note: Eastern shepherds drove the flock into a walled pen then lay across the opening, their body forming a "door" which sheep had to pass to wander away and to stop predators from getting in.]		-----
v5	John 16:24		-----
	1 John 2:20		-----
	John 10:10		-----
	Rev 19:9		-----
v6	John 3:16; 2 Tim 2:11		-----

To think about: Do you think Jesus had Psalm 23 in mind when He said "I am the good shepherd"?

To dig deeper: See what else you can find out about the work of eastern shepherds. Think about other passages that describe Jesus' activities as the Good Shepherd.