

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

Luke 1:26-38





Sometimes preachers miss their audience.

They shoot “over their heads,” and miss the impact they were seeking.

This even happened to Jesus here *(vs.1-5)*.

John tells us in *(vs.6)*, *Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.*

Jesus backed up and tried another illustration *(vs.7-10)*.

This 2nd illustration is better, but still hasn't gotten their attention as He desired.



I. HIS CREED:

A. Jesus didn't simply say, "I am a good shepherd."

B. But, He said, "I am the good shepherd."

C. He didn't claim to be one of the doors to God, but that all who came before Him were thieves and robbers.



II. HIS CLAIM:

A. He said, “I am the door, the only one.”

B. He said, “I am the shepherd, the good one, who gives His life for the sheep.”

III. HIS COMPARISON:

A. Jesus drew a contrast between the thief and Himself *(vs.10)*.

B. Jesus characterized His goodness as sacrifice.

1. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep – He did!

2. He saves His sheep from attack *(vs.10, 11, 28)* .

3. Anyone can lay down his life, but Jesus, once salvation for man was accomplished *(Rom.5:8)* He took His live back again in His resurrection glory *(vs.17-18)*.



IV. HIS CHILDREN:

A. One thing I must clarify is in *(vs.16)*.

1. This is not talking about Americans.

2. It is talking about all future generations of Christians.

B. He said in *(vs.14)* *“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep.”*

C. If you are saved – you are one of His sheep.

D. He says, *“I know My sheep.”*



