

COME AND SEE

The “I Am” Statements of Jesus





The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Aesop's Fable

John 10:11-21

GOOD...

- Functionally good: "Things are going well."
- Morally good: "I am acting rightly."
- Personally good: "I feel good."
- Beneficial good: "I am doing good."

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3-4 = not great, struggling

5 = okay, alright

6-7 = good

8 = *really* good

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10 = amazing, totally tubular

F = terrible, awful

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D-C = good

B = really good

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A+ = amazing, totally tubular

IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE...

Good means right, fine, noble,
honorable, beautiful, worthy, ideal.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- Lays down his life for his sheep (v. 11)
- Knows his own and his own know him (v. 14)

“But I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen; I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

-John 10:16

Men and women, Jew and Gentile, black and white, conservative and liberal, every language, every nation – **there is one flock.**

Too often we say we follow Jesus
but let another shepherd inform
and lead our lives.

Whoever or whatever we follow, that is
not Jesus, is a one-sided relationship.

Jesus knows you.

“Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away. You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, Lord. You have encircled me; you have placed your hand on me. Where can I go to escape your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I fly on the wings of the dawn and settle down on the western horizon, even there your hand will lead me; your right hand will hold on to me. For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began."

-Psalm 139

“Aren’t two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s consent. But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. So don’t be afraid; **you are worth more than many sparrows.**”

–Matt. 10:29–31

The Good Shepherd **lays**
down his life for his sheep.

One of the most striking features
of Jesus' trial is **how little He says.**

DEFENDANTS DON'T TESTIFY...

- Can be cross-examined aggressively
- A nervous or emotional performance can hurt credibility
- Jurors may focus on things that don't matter
- The defense doesn't have the burden of proof

DEFENDANTS DON'T TESTIFY...

- Afraid of public speaking
- Know their temper could get them into trouble
- Have prior bad acts they don't want explored
- Genuinely trust the jury to see the weaknesses in the prosecution's case

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Jesus has a strong case!



He was oppressed and afflicted, yet **he did not open his mouth.** Like a lamb led to the slaughter and **like a sheep silent** before her shearers, **he did not open his mouth.**”

-Isaiah 53:7

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

-John 10:18

This is the Shepherd we can trust.

“Rarely will someone die for a just person, though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

-Romans 5:7-8