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## 20160821 | John 10:11-21 | Jesus is the Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

(John 10:11-21 ESV)

Overview - We must follow the ONLY Shepherd who can save.

- 1. The Shepherd knows and cares for the sheep because he owns them.
- 2. The Shepherd leads the sheep because they know and trust him.
- 3. The Shepherd rescues the sheep by laying down and taking up his life.
- 4. The Shepherd is loved by the Father because he is an extension of him.

