

# I am... the Great Shepherd

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## *Scriptures*

Psalm 23 1 John 4:18

## *The Message*

When the Bible describes us as \_\_\_\_\_, it is not a compliment. Sheep are actually quite \_\_\_\_\_! We can see this in the life of Israel—even though they were \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, they still \_\_\_\_\_.

But in what ways is Jesus the Great Shepherd?

1. He wants only the \_\_\_\_\_ for us. That is why we should \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.
2. He protects us from \_\_\_\_\_! Like a good shepherd who would risk his life to protect his \_\_\_\_\_ from hungry \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his life to forever defeat \_\_\_\_\_!
3. He leads with \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. Fear is \_\_\_\_\_. Love is \_\_\_\_\_!

Christ is the Great Shepherd. We should \_\_\_\_\_ him and \_\_\_\_\_ him. And we can't do that without \_\_\_\_\_, and we can't do *that* without \_\_\_\_\_. And we can't love ourselves without \_\_\_\_\_.

## *Discussion*

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## *Scriptures*

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## *The Message*

When the Bible describes us as sheep, it is not a compliment. Sheep are actually quite stupid/dumb! We can see this in the life of Israel—even though they were children of God, they still disobeyed.

But in what ways is Jesus the Great Shepherd?

1. He wants only the best for us. That is why we should trust in Him.
2. He protects us from evil/harm! Like a good shepherd who would risk his life to protect his sheep from hungry wolves/predators, Jesus gave his life to forever defeat the Evil One/Satan/the Devil!
3. He leads with love, not fear. Fear is consequential. Love is virtue!

Christ is the Great Shepherd. We should love him and trust him. And we can't do that without loving others, and we can't do *that* without loving ourselves. And we can't love ourselves without loving God.

## *Discussion*