

Sermon Outline

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD | Nick O'Neil

Bible Passage: John 10:1-42

1. Do you feel like a sheep?

2. Jesus is the Trustworthy Shepherd (vv. 1-6)

Then I said, "Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel. Should you not embrace justice, you who hate good and love evil; who tear the skin from my people and the flesh from their bones; who eat my people's flesh, strip off their skin and break their bones in pieces; who chop them up like meat for the pan, like flesh for the pot?"

(Mic. 3:1-3)

3. Jesus gives life to his sheep (vv. 7-10, 14-18)

We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

(2 Cor. 6:3-10; consider also Matthew 5:1-10; Psalm 1:1-2).

4. Jesus lays down his life for the sheep (vv. 11-13)

5. What if I'm not a sheep? (vv. 22-42)

a. Challenge 1: Consider Jesus' claim that the whole Bible points to him

i. Resource: Kevin de Young, *The Biggest Story* 2015, Crossway)

b. Challenge 2: Reconsider Jesus' works/miracles

i. "It is one thing to say that science is only equipped to test for natural causes and cannot speak to any others. It is quite another to insist that science proves that no other causes could possibly exist.....There would be no experimental model for testing the statement: 'No supernatural cause for any natural phenomenon is possible.' It is therefore a philosophical presupposition and not a scientific finding." - Tim Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* (2009, Hodder and Stoughton)