

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for September 10-11, 2005

"The Good Shepherd"

John 10:17-21

The good shepherd dies for His sheep (John 10:11-13).

The good shepherd knows His sheep (John 10:14-15).

The good shepherd brings other sheep (John 10:16).

The good shepherd takes up His life again (John 10:17-21).

The Father has always and will always love His Son (John 17:24).

Though the Father has always loved the Son, Jesus knew that His willingness to lay down His life and then take it up again would call forth His Father's love once more.

In speaking of His Father's love for what He was about to do in John 10:17, Jesus links His approaching death with His future resurrection.

Christ's resurrection is essential to the gospel message. Without the resurrection of Christ, the death of Christ would have been worthless (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17).

Jesus did not only prophesy His resurrection in John 10:17, He did it many times (Matthew 12:38-40; Mark 9:9; Luke 9:21-22).

There are many different reasons for believing in the gospel message, but certainly one of the reasons is the incredible boldness of Christ in predicting His resurrection.

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In speaking about His future death, Jesus implied that no one would be able to take His life from Him if He, in fact, did not lay it down (John 10:17).

The voluntary nature of Christ's death on the cross would later be confirmed in His resurrection when He took up His life again.

Though Christ was in complete control of all the events surrounding His death and resurrection, He only did those things which were consistent with His Father's will.

Predicting His death and resurrection based on His own authority to bring these things about caused a division among those listening to Christ (John 10:19-21).

When Christ predicted His death and resurrection, He was preparing His sheep to believe the eyewitness accounts of those very events.