

Defining Jesus

Week 1 “I Am the Good Shepherd.”

Jesus is defined by many different names and terms. Who was Jesus historically? And how does knowing who Jesus was and is help all of us in the present and into the future?

- **Jesus explains one aspect of Himself by saying that “I am the good shepherd.”**

The term “shepherd” is used throughout the Bible in positive and negative ways.

Psalm 23:1-3 (ESV)

Jeremiah 23:1-2 (ESV)

Jeremiah 50:6-7a (ESV)

Ezekiel 34:22-24 (ESV)

The Pharisees knew the Old Testament said that only the Messiah would be able to heal the blind.

Isaiah 35:4b-5 (ESV)

John 9:35-41 (ESV)

Jesus gives an analogy about a sheepfold, the gatekeeper, the gate and the good shepherd.

John 10:1 (ESV)

John 10:2-3 (ESV)

John 10:4 (ESV)

John 10:5 (ESV)

John 10:6 (ESV)

John 10:7 (ESV)

John 10:8 (ESV)

John 10:9 (ESV)

John 10:10a (ESV)

John 10:10b (ESV)

John 10:11a (ESV)

John 10:11b-13 (ESV)

John 10:14-21 (ESV)

Warning: Beware thieves and robbers.

Invitation: Rest in the care of the Shepherd.

This week, spend some time talking with your family (this could be your spouse, your kids, or your brothers and sisters in Christ) about the following questions:

Do you always trust Jesus to guide, protect or provide for you? What area of your life can you trust Him more this week?