

Sermon by Mr. Michael Madany
"Appreciating our Good Shepherd's Guarantee"
John 10:11-30

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"How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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 - Did Jesus die for all of humanity?
 - Why would Jesus' sacrificial death be troubling or a stumbling block for many?
 - What has more appeal: the idea of Jesus being a great teacher or Jesus being a sacrificial sheep? How does that relate to one's self-perception?

3. How does Jesus' nationality fit in with God's original covenant promise to Abraham?
 - What later command of Christ fleshes out His statement to the Jewish leaders about "other sheep"?
 - Does that command contain "fine print" that excludes any nations?
 - How well do we practice our oneness in Christ as members of the One Flock?

4. How does the Messiah relate His protection of members of His flock to His relationship with the Father?
 - What should our reaction be to Jesus' guarantee?
 - Have you encountered evidence of the preserving work of the Good Shepherd?

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