

April 21, 2024
“The Shepherd Knows”
(John 10:11-18)

In this season, the scripture texts take us back to the _____ of Jesus.

Here Jesus speaks about himself as the _____, the guide and _____ of those who love him.

All over the Bible, the people of God are compared to _____.

The shepherd’s _____ mentioned in Psalm 23 is a _____ for battles against wolves and bears.

The rod used in Psalm 23 is the shepherd’s _____, used to rescue lost lambs.

Sparing the rod isn’t about punishment – it’s about _____ and _____, like the shepherd does with his crook!

In the verses before this, Jesus proclaimed that he was the _____!

Jesus called himself not just a shepherd, but the “_____” shepherd!

In all of the “I am” sayings of Jesus, he compared himself to the most _____ things – light, bread, water...shepherd.

It’s true that at that time, the term “shepherd” was a frequent metaphor for the _____ of a country.

The shepherd only gets anything done by being _____ the sheep – in the _____ of the flock!

God _____ on being in the _____ of us, mixed into our lives!

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Our preoccupations with work, screens, shopping, or easy anger lead us _____ from Jesus.

Jesus is confident we will be able to _____ him from all other _____!

As sheep we are ALL _____ to him!

Because of that, we can have _____!

As we _____ Jesus, we are invited to live lives of _____ like the exemplary shepherd!

The place where we communicate the grace of God is right in the _____ of other sheep!

No matter how far we’ve _____ away, the good shepherd is there to bring us back to the _____!

The shepherd _____ the sheep...and our God _____ us!!

We are sheep, but we are also _____ of the great shepherd!

The _____ for following comes from the shepherd himself, right in the midst of us, the flock!

We, the sheep, may be stupid – but we are smart enough to know our shepherd, and to know where we belong!