

Sermon Handout

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

- I. Fact:** God's people need a shepherd - Mt 9:35-38
- a. Moses recognizes the need Num 27:15-17
God responded by consecrating Joshua vv. 18-23
 - b. Israel's shepherds failed to fulfill their mission Eze 34:1-6
The people are scattered when they have no true shepherd v. 5
God sets himself against the shepherds vv. 7-10
God himself will restore the sheep vv. 11-16
- II. Prophecy:** The Good Shepherd will be struck down - Mt 26:31-35
- a. Peter's self-determined confidence is insufficient vv. 33-35
God's predetermined plan will be carried out v. 32
 - b. OT citation: Zech 13:7-9 (fulfilled in Jesus)
The flock scattered v. 7
God himself will gather them back *cf.* Mt 26:32 (to Galilee to gather them)
Only part of physical Israel to be restored vv. 8-9
- III. Revealed:** The Good Shepherd is Jesus, God's Son - John 10:11-18
- a. "the shepherd, the good" 3 times in vv. 11 & 14
A reflection on v. 10a and vv. 12-13 *cf.* Eze 34
 - b. There shall be one Shepherd, one people v. 16
 - i. Gathering his people into one nation Eze 37:21-28
 - ii. One king, one shepherd v. 24 *cf.* 34:23-24
Under David (but after David's time!) v. 24a
They shall be no longer divided (division under Rehoboam)
 - iii. The reference then must be to Jesus *cf.* Mt 26:32
 - c. Indeed, the gathering goes beyond Israel the nation v. 16
An interpretation of Eze 37:28 "The nations shall know . . ."
The inclusion of Gentiles in the New Israel Gal 6:14-16 *cf.* 3:27-29

Let us therefore rejoice that the Good Shepherd has come. He is both Shepherd and King of the whole world!