
Application & Conclusion:

After his message about love and care for the sheep, some of his listeners were concerned. They assumed he must have a demon. He must be a crazy person. He can't be trusted. Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

These other listeners were on to something. Listen to the words he speaks. Look at the works he does. This isn't violence. This is mercy and compassion. This is selflessness and kindness. This is help for those who are helpless. A demon wouldn't do that. Might the Son of God?

Yes. Yes, he would – and it's a good thing he did. If it was not for the Good Shepherd who laid down his life, then you and I would be a bunch of lost, weak, needy sheep. If he is not your Shepherd, then you very well may still be one of those lost, weak, needy sheep.

So then, the question is simple: Is Jesus Christ the Shepherd of your life?

Reflection Questions:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?