



Resurrection Joy:
What Jesus had to say about His Resurrection

Resurrection Authority

When Jesus came into the world to save his sheep from sin, death and judgment, He came with a commandment from His Father in heaven. The commandment was that He should die for sinners and rise again.

And with the commandment, came the authority to do it.

"I have authority to lay down my life, and I have authority to take it up again." John 10:18



A. The Shepherd, the Sheep and the Hiringling

Jesus pictures Himself in this text as a shepherd. And He pictures his people as the sheep that He owns and cares about and contrasts the way the owner responds to wolves and the way the hired help responds.

B. The Wolves

There are at least three destroying wolves mentioned in the gospel of John. *Three wolves that Jesus lays down his life to save us from.*

1. Wolf of sin *John 1:29* "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Sin is a wolf that destroys the world and cuts us off from God.
2. Wolf of death: Death attacks and destroys everyone, great and small, rich and poor, men and women, every race, every creed. It is an omnivorous wolf of destruction.
3. Wolf of judgment *Heb 9:27* And after death comes judgment: *"It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment"*

C. Jesus Lays Down His Life

When the wolves threaten the sheep, Jesus lays down His life to destroy them and to save us from them. No one else will lay down their life—not the hired help! David (a shepherd) was willing to lay his life on the line for his flock and for Israel. I Sam 19:5

"[David] took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel."

D. Are the Sheep Left Shepherdless?

NO—the story doesn't end with a mangled shepherd lying dead among three dead wolves, and sheep scattered thirsting and starving in the desert. (*See verse :18*)

E. Jesus' Authority and Triumph

Jesus came to do the will of His Father. He willingly uses His authority to accomplish the Father's will.

"I have [power] authority to lay down My life, and I have [power] authority to take it up again."

F. The Sheep Have a Shepherd

We are not merely saved from sin and death and judgment. We also have a **living Shepherd** to guide, feed, heal, and protect us.

***I am the good shepherd;
and I know My sheep,
and am known by My own.***

John 10:14

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12 But a hireling, *he who is not the shepherd*, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

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