

Bible Verse: John 10:11 (NIV)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

As Jesus keeps doing miracles and teaching about God’s Kingdom, more and more people are asking Him who He is, what He is. They know Jesus is special. Now they want to know if He is the Messiah. So they would ask Him. These are some of the ways Jesus describes himself.

Jesus says “I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. I am come down from heaven to do the will of God and to raise his people up.” We especially remember this description of Jesus during Communion, when we take bread to join the body of Christ.

Another time Jesus says “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” We can think of this description of Jesus when we look at the lighted candles on the altar.

Jesus also answers this way. “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. This is my father’s glory.” We especially bear fruit on Jesus’ vine when we care for each other.

And Jesus talks about himself as a Good Shepherd. Jesus tells his followers that a Good Shepherd opens the gate for his sheep, so that they can enter their safe pasture. A Good Shepherd calls each of his sheep by name and they follow him because they trust him.

Jesus says the Good Shepherd will even die for his sheep. Jesus says that he is our Good Shepherd and we are his own sheep. ,

Jesus says, in all of these ways that he came into our world to lead us to his Father God and to Eternal Life.

Wonder Question: Jesus went by many different names. Why so many? Why not just go by “Jesus”?

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ALPHA AND OMEGA

BREAD OF LIFE

GOOD SHEPHERD

HIGH PRIEST

IMMANUEL

KING OF KINGS

LAMB OF GOD

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SAVIOR

SON OF GOD

SON OF MAN

THE LIFE

THE TRUE VINE

THE TRUTH

THE WAY

THE WORD