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JESUS
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Catechizing Corner!

This periscope also serves as a commentary to explain the figure of the Good Shepherd in the parable. The sheep respond to the Shepherd at God's initiative. All who accept the invitation and align themselves with Jesus will be protected and preserved by God. God and Jesus are one. Thus, all sheep who listen to the voice of the Shepherd also listen to the voice of God. The sheep will not be forsaken, but will be protected by the divine power of God. The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and is willing to lay down his life for them. The sheep will not be forsaken or left unattended. There will always be providential care.

This image is intimately connected to Jesus' sacrifice of the cross. Jesus, who was in intimate relationship with his Father, was willing to share that intimacy with his disciples. He willingly laid down his life for his disciples like the shepherd.

The early Christian image of shepherd developed to such a point that a specific interpretation of Christ's death emerged. Jesus was no common martyr. Somehow, over time, Christians came to understand Jesus' death as being more than the result of a faith-filled prophetic life. They came to understand Jesus' death in relation to salvation. "It was a death freely accepted for the many—for all, a sacrificial death so complete in its power and efficacy that it brought the long history of alienation between God and humans to a close. Thus, Jesus not only was the Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep, but he was the Lamb of God who actually took away their very sins.

Teachers must have the sight and knowledge of God (gained only through relationship with Christ) in order to pass it on to those who seek it. Behavior again is the key word in this sixth chapter of Luke. *Attitudes, speech* and *action* determine the heart of a disciple. If any one component is missing, the plank remains.

Mary Birmingham, [Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C](#) Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection

for the

Question of the Week

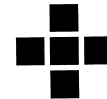
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
 John 10:27-30

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Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never **perish**. No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me,

Gospel Glossary

To **perish** is to die.

is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: Jesus calls each one of us to be a disciple. Name one way that Jesus is calling you to be a disciple this week.

Teens: What helps you to hear Jesus' voice in the midst of the sounds that compete for your attention?

Children: When you grow up, how would you like to serve God and others?

Families: Jesus calls the sheep by name. Share with your family how you got your name and what it means to you.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives. Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure. Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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