**Significant Shepherding Scriptures**

**Introductory Passages:** 3 thoughts from Genesis

- **Genesis 4:2** The first martyr was a shepherd.
- **Genesis 33:13-14** Shepherding requires tenderness and patience.
- **Genesis 46:34** Shepherding may be viewed with disdain.

**Primary Passages**

- **Psalm 23:1-6** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- **1st Samuel 17:14-15,20,28,34-37** David the shepherd was perfectly prepared to become David the King. He never feared lion, bear, or giant in service to His Lord.
- **Ezekiel 34:1-31** Selfish sheperds are accountable to the LORD.
- **Zechariah 11:4-13; 13:7-9** The nation of Israel will reject their Shepherd, and count His value as 30 pieces of silver—cast to the potter.
- **John 10:11-16** Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of all shepherding responsibilities.
- **1st Peter 5:1-4** Elders/Overseers/Pastor-Teachers are under-shepherds accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Additional (Shorter) Passages**

- **2nd Samuel 12:3** When David needed a rebuke, the Lord selected a shepherding metaphor.
- **Isaiah 40:11** Even in conquest, the Lord’s shepherding is gentle.
- **Jeremiah 33:12-13** Shepherds must count the flock (Lk. 15:4-7).
- **Luke 2:8** Shepherds are on duty 24/7.

Jesus Christ is the Good (Jn. 10:11,14), Great (Heb. 13:20), and Chief Shepherd (1st Pet. 5:4).