

***Introduction of Advent Series***  
**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus:**  
***The Shepherd***  
**Micah 5:2-6, Ezekiel 34**

**The Shepherd Prophecy Foretold**

1. God will provide a Messiah/Shepherd (**Micah 5:1-5, Ezekiel 34**)

Born in Bethlehem and yet will be a Ruler.

From the days of eternity, yet born of a woman.

He will arise and Shepherd His flock for the glory of God.

From the Davidic King/Shepherd Line and is God.

2. The Messiah/Shepherd will follow God's Example. (**Micah 2:12-13, Ezekiel 34, Psalm 23 & 100**)

He cares for the sheep by seeking, protecting, directing their path, and providing.

He acts as Judge between the oppressed and wealthy.

He acts as a Servant and He will bring peace and security.

3. God's Sheep will... (**Ezekiel 34**)

Experience the blessings of God, know Him and will be His.

Be free of what enslaves them.

**The Shepherd Prophecy Fulfilled in Jesus**

1. Jesus is Messiah/Shepherd (**Luke 1-2, John 10:1-18**)

Born in Bethlehem and yet will be a Ruler.

From the days of eternity, yet born of a woman.

He arose and Shepherded His flock for the glory of God.

Of the Davidic King/Shepherd Line and is God.

2. Jesus is the Messiah/Shepherd who follows God's Example. (**John 10:1-18, Matthew 9:35-36, Luke 15:1-7, 1 Peter 2:21-25**)

He cares for the sheep by seeking, protecting, directing their path, and providing.

He acts as Judge between the oppressed and wealthy.  
He acts as a Servant, and He will bring peace and security.

3. Jesus's Sheep will... **(John 10:1-18, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Galatians 4:7, Romans 6:5-11)**  
Experience the blessings of God, know Him and will be His.  
Be free of the sin that enslaves us.

### **The Shepherd Prophecy For Us Today**

1. We are still His Sheep

A. We Hear and Obey Him. **(John 10:1-18)**

B. We Follow His Example. **(1 Peter 2:21-25)**

C. We are called to love God, love others and shepherd those in need. **(John 21:15-19, Matthew 25:31-46)**

### **Community Group Questions:**

1. Share about expectations in your life that have met.

2. Share about expectations in your life that has not been met.

3. What expectations can we have in Christ.

4. How does the Old Testament prophecy and the fulfillment of Jesus as the Messiah/Shepherd impact your life.

5. What are areas in your life where you are following as one of His sheep?

6. What are areas in your life where you find it difficult to follow as one of His sheep?