Red Letter – Part 6 – See the One Mark Rouse – mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com April 9, 2017

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. - John 10:10-11

FOUR CHALLENGES OF BEING A SHEEP

- 1) SHEEP GET LOST EASILY.
- 2) SHEEP ARE VERY STUBBORN.
- 3) SHEEP ARE FILTHY.
- 4) SHEEP ARE <u>DEFENSELESS</u>.

WHAT DOES THE GOOD SHEPHERD DO?

• HE <u>PROVIDES</u>.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul... - Psalm 23:1-3

• HE <u>GUIDES</u>.

...He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. - Psalm 23:3 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. - John 10:3-4

• HE <u>CORRECTS</u>.

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. - Hebrews 12:11

• HE PROTECTS.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalm 23:4-6

• HE <u>SEES THE MISSING ONE</u>.

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds

it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' **7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. – Luke 15:3-7