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The Shepherd:

- is the actual appointed caretaker of the sheep (vv2-3a)
- calls sheep by name- he knows each one personally (v3)
- leads his sheep to pasture (v4)

The sheep (do we...):

- Recognize the shepherd's voice (vv3-4) (?)
- Follow and trust the shepherd (vv3-4) (?)
- Runaway from strangers (v5) (?)

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The Shepherd:

- is also the only door to salvation (vv7, 9-10)
- invites everyone to come in (v9a)
- came to give abundant life in quality & quantity (v10)
 - See Matthew 5:1-10 (the “blessed” life)

All others:

- are thieves & robbers (vv8, 10a – *then*: Israel’s leaders)
- includes anyone else offering a different door (*today*)
- ultimately steal, kill, & destroy sheep (v10a)

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1 YHWH is my shepherd;

I have what I need.

2 He lets me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He renews my life;

he leads me along the right paths

for his name's sake.

4 Even when I go through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

Psalms 23:1-4; cf. John 10:1-18

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John 10:11-18 – The Good Shepherd:

1. Dies for His sheep (v11ff)
2. Knows His sheep (v14)
3. Gathers one global flock (v16)
4. Obeys His Father (vv17-18)
5. Is resurrected & living (vv17-18)

John 10:11-18 – application for sheep:

1. Imitate the sacrificial life of the Shepherd (v11ff)
2. Know the Shepherd (v14; cf. 17:3)
3. Be part of the flock (v16)
4. Obey the Shepherd which is to obey God the Father (vv17-18)
5. Be assured of salvation (vv17-18)

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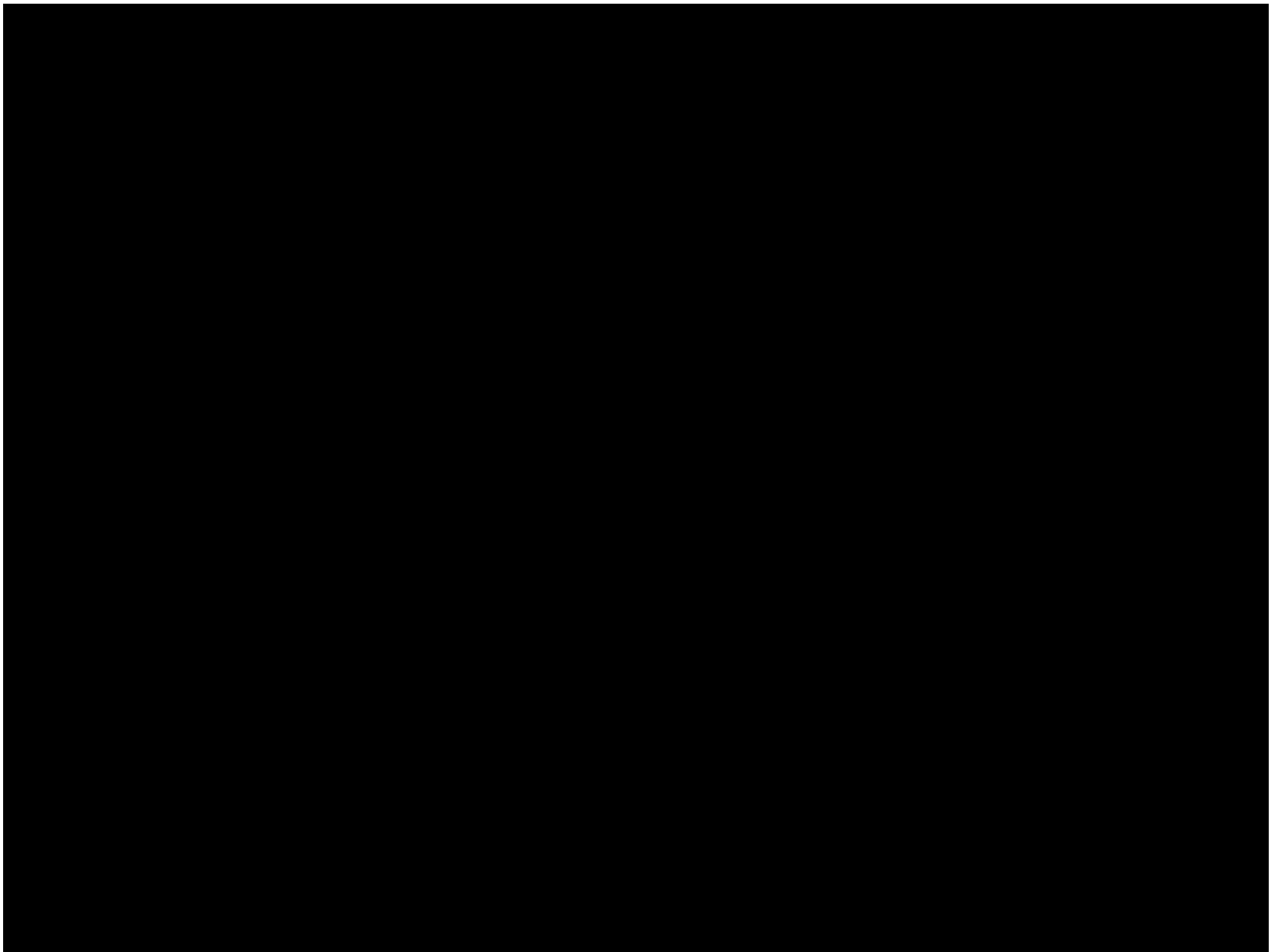
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John 10:19-21 --- what is your response to this shepherd?



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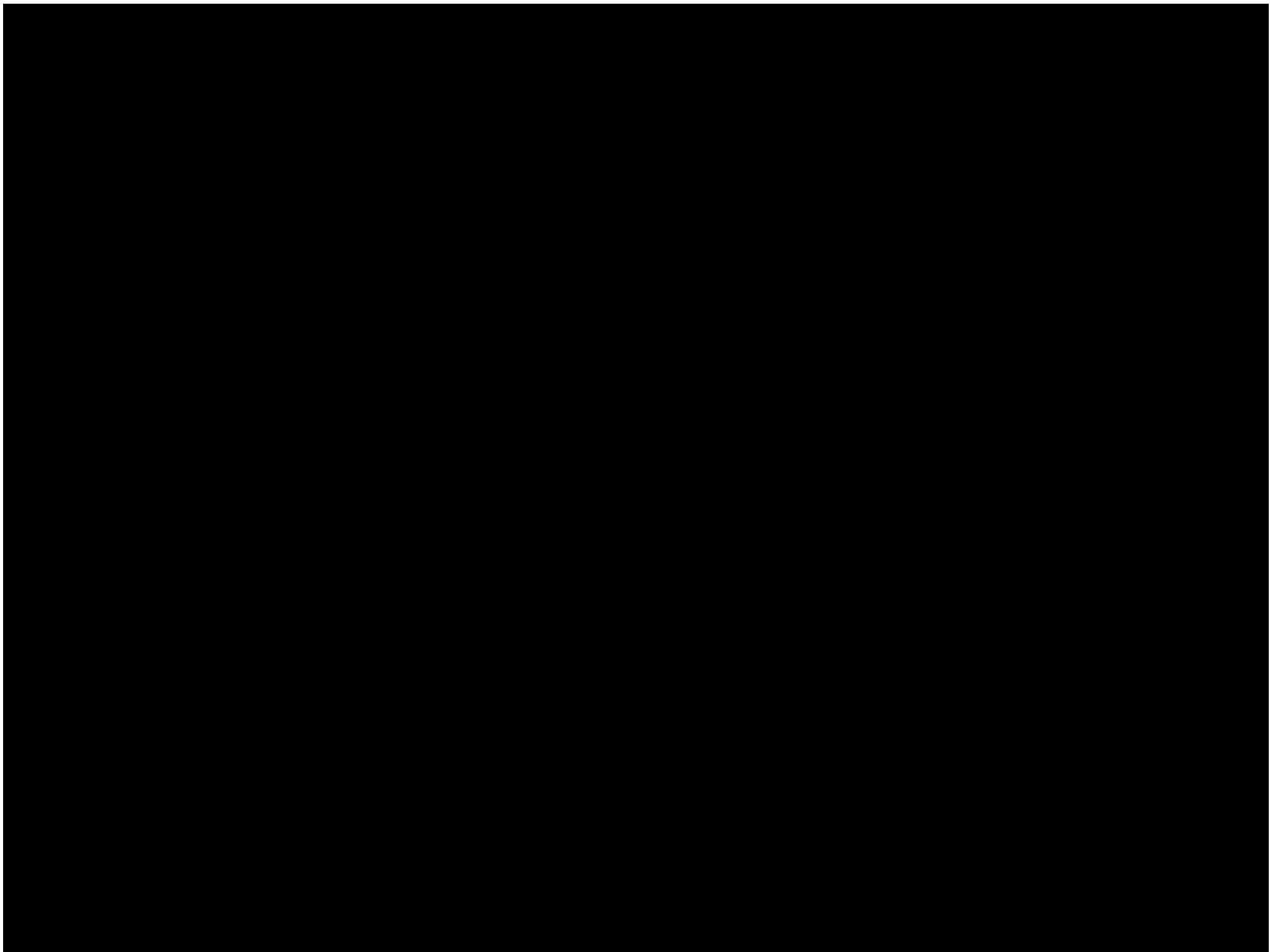
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