



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



SHOTGUN SHEEP

Matthew 26:30-35



MAIN POINTS

#1 | Shotgun Sheep

#2 | The Steadfast Shepherd



#1 | SHOTGUN SHEEP

Matthew 26:30–31, 33–35



Shotgun Sheep

Matthew 26:30-31

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. **31** Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”



Shotgun Sheep

Matthew 26:33-35

33 Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” **34** Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

35 Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.



Shotgun Sheep Stumble

Matthew 26:31a

31^a Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night.



Shotgun Sheep Scatter

Matthew 26:31b

31b For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'



Shotgun Sheep Spurn

Matthew 26:33-35

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scatter from the Shepherd and even spurn him because they stumble in sin when faced with the choice between faithfulness to Him and self preservation.



#2 | THE STEADFAST SHEPHERD

Matthew 26:31b-32



The Steadfast Shepherd

Matthew 26:31b–32

31b For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ **32** But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”



The Steadfast Shepherd Stays

Matthew 26:31b

31b For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'



The Steadfast Shepherd Stands

Matthew 26:32a

32^a But after I am raised up,



The Steadfast Shepherd Saves

Matthew 26:32b

32b I will go before you to Galilee.



The Steadfast Shepherd Saves

Zechariah 13:1

¹ “On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.”



The Steadfast Shepherd Saves

Zechariah 13:7-9

7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares the Lord of hosts.
“Strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.



The Steadfast Shepherd Saves

Zechariah 13:7-9

8 In the whole land, declares the Lord,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.



The Steadfast Shepherd Saves

Zechariah 13:7-9

- ⁹ And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.



The Steadfast Shepherd Saves

Zechariah 13:7-9

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, 'They are my people';
and they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"



#2 | THE STEADFAST SHEPHERD

Matthew 26:31b-32



THE STEADFAST SHEPHERD



stays to be struck down for his sheep, standing against and rising victorious over death itself so that he might save the sheep of his flock.



THE TAKE AWAY

#1: Shotgun Sheep... celebrates and commemorates God's deliverance and redemption of Israel from slavery in Egypt so that they might belong to Him.

#2: The Steadfast Shepherd... demonstrates both our need for a greater, ultimate Passover and God's sovereign grace in providing it.



CONCLUSION

Shotgun Sheep are faithless, but the Steadfast Shepherd is faithful to save us anyway.



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