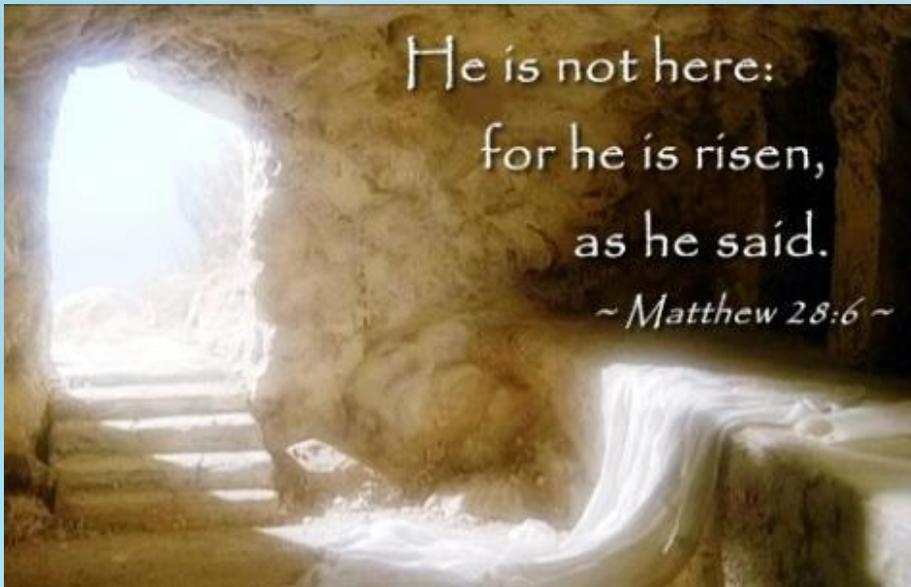




# Knowing Christ

Lord of Life



He is not here:  
for he is risen,  
as he said.

*~ Matthew 28:6 ~*

## The Big Picture

1. NAS **John 10:11** "*I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*"
2. NAS **John 10:14** "*I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup> even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*"

# The Good Shepherd

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:11** "I am the good shepherd ...
  
- What
  - "Many people in the industrialized West (though not Australians!) are inclined to think of shepherds as sentimental beings, perhaps somewhat effeminate, with their arms full of cuddly lambs, and the English adjective 'good' does nothing to dissuade us from these misconceptions. But the shepherd's job was tiring, manly and sometimes dangerous". - *D.A. Carson*
  
- Who
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Psalm 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd ...

## The Good Shepherd

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:11** "I am the good shepherd ...

➤ *Good - praiseworthy, noble, honourable*

X <sup>NAS</sup> **Zechariah 11:17** "Woe to the worthless shepherd Who leaves the flock! A sword will be on his arm And on his right eye! His arm will be totally withered, And his right eye will be blind."

✓ <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 40:11** Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs, And carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

✓ <sup>NAS</sup> **Micah 5:4** And He will arise and shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.

## He Knows Us Intimately

- NAS **John 10:14** ... I know My own, and *My own know Me*,<sup>15</sup> even as the *Father knows Me* and I know the Father ...
  - Know – experiential, personal, intimate
- NAS **2 Timothy 2:19** Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," ...
- NAS **Isaiah 53:11** As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.
- NAS **2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

## Other Sheep

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:16** "And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 2:12** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, ... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## Lay Down His Life

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:11** "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:14** "I am the good shepherd... <sup>15</sup> ... and I lay down My life for the sheep.
  - For – *on behalf of*, always in sacrificial context in John
- "In no case does this suggest a death with merely exemplary significance; in each case the death envisaged is on behalf of someone else. The shepherd does not die for his sheep to serve as an example, throwing himself off a cliff in a grotesque and futile display while bellowing, 'See how much I love you!' No, the assumption is that the sheep are in mortal danger; that in their defence the shepherd loses his life; that by his death they are saved. That, and that alone, is what makes him *the good shepherd*". – D.A. Carson

## His Life for Us

- **NAS Romans 3:24** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup> whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- **NAS Titus 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

## Love of the Father

- **NAS John 10:17** "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
- **NAS Philippians 2:5** Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Lord of Life

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:17** "... I lay down My life [*in order*] that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:21** "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **Acts 4:27** for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

# Applications

## Of First Importance

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

## He Is Risen Indeed

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 15:5** and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup> and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

## Centrality of the Resurrection

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 15:13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain... <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

# Conclusions

## Raised for Us

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:14** "I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup> even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep... <sup>17</sup> ... I lay down My life *in order* that I may take it again.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree "--

## Raised with Him

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, [God] made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved, <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 6:4** ... we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,