**Pt. 2: The Life & Ministry of Christ**

**The *Anderson Tours* Holy Land Scripture Series;** Understanding God, Scripture, & Self

**Episode 16: Jesus as the Good Shepherd (Know Him/Hear Him)**

“Knowledge of ‘the only true God, and Jesus Christ’ (John 17:3)

is the most important knowledge in the Universe…”

President Marion G. Romney of the First Presidency (“Except a Man Be Born Again,”*Ensign,* Nov. 1981, 14)

The Master Teacher calls Himself the Good Shepherd to describe His relationship to us His followers. His sheep "*hear His voice*" and "*know His voice*". We will explore this parable and how we can truly get to know the Savior and hear His voice!

* **Jesus is the Master Teacher & used things familiar to people…**

Elder Gong; “Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God”

**? What is the difference between Sheepherding and shepherding?**

-The Shepherd walks in front of his sheep and the sheep know His name and follow!

This is a literal thing among Shepherds!

**CA** – if I hadn’t seen this happen with my own eyes I would not believe it!

* **Jesus as the Good Shepherd**

[**John 10:1-16**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#:~:text=1%20Verily%2C%20verily,and%20one%20shepherd.)**;** “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2**But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the [sheep](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note2a). **3**To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his [voice](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note3a): and he calleth his own sheep by name, and [leadeth](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng" \l "note3b) them out. **4**And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they [know](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note4a) his [voice](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note4b). **5**And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of [strangers](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note5a). **6**This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. **7**Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the [door](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note7a) of the sheep. **8**All that ever came before me [are thieves](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note8a) and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9**I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **10**The thief cometh not, but for to [steal](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note10a), and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have [life](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note10b), and that they might have *it* more [abundantly](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note10c). **11**I am the good [shepherd](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note11a): the good [shepherd](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note11b) giveth his life for the sheep. **12**But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and [leaveth](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng" \l "note12a) the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. **13**The [hireling](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note13a) fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. **14**I am the good [shepherd](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note14a), and [know](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note14b) my [*sheep*](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note14c)*,* and am known of mine. **15**As the Father knoweth me, even so [know](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note15a) I the Father: and I lay down my [life](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note15b) for the sheep. **16**And [other](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note16a) [sheep](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note16b) I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be [one](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/john/10?lang=eng#note16c) fold, *and* one shepherd.” (John 10:1-16)

**Sheep in a Sheepfold (or coral):**

Several Shepherds would share a sheepfold or coral and the Shepherd would come and “calleth them by name and the sheep would follow him for they know his voice” walks in front of his sheep and the sheep know His name and follow!” Wow!

* **“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father”**
* **How do we get to know Jesus?**

**John 17:3 “This is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ that thou hast sent”**

**Math Equation: Know God & Jesus = Eternal Life**

* **Getting to Know Jesus Scripture Chain (see below):**

[Mosiah 26:24](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm/mosiah/26?lang=eng), [Mosiah 5:13-15](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm/mosiah/5?lang=eng), [Matt 25:1-13](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/matt/25?lang=eng), [Matt 7:21-23](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/matt/7?lang=eng), , [1 John 3:6-7 (JST](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/1-jn/3?lang=eng)), [1 John 4:7-21](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/1-jn/4?lang=eng), Alma 5:44-46,

* [“*If Ye Had Known Me*” Elder Bednar, Oct, 2016](http://www.lds.org/general-conference/2016/10/if-ye-had-known-me?lang=eng)

**How do we #HEARHIM?**

**Mosiah 5:24:** “24 For behold, in my name are they called; and if they know me they shall come forth, and shall have a place eternally at my right hand…”

**Mosiah 5:13-15**; “For how knoweth a man the master whom he has not served, and who is a stranger unto him, and is far from the thoughts and intents of his heart? 14 And again, doth a man take an ass which belongeth to his neighbor, and keep him? I say unto you, Nay; he will not even suffer that he shall feed among his flocks, but will drive him away, and cast him out. I say unto you, that even so shall it be among you if ye know not the name by which ye are called. 15 Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you his, that you may be brought to heaven, that ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life, through the wisdom, and power, and justice, and mercy of him who created all things, in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen.”

**Matt 15:1-16:** “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”

**1 John 3:6-7 (JST):** “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever (JST; *continue in sin*) sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.”

**1 John 4:7-8; 20-21;** “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love…20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also..”

**“We love God as much as the person we hate the most”**

**Alma 5:44-46:** “For I am called to speak after this manner, according to the holy order of God, which is in Christ Jesus; yea, I am commanded to stand and testify unto this people the things which have been spoken by our fathers concerning the things which are to come. 45 And this is not all. Do ye not suppose that I know of these things myself? Behold, I testify unto you that I do know that these things whereof I have spoken are true. And how do ye suppose that I know of their surety? 46 Behold, I say unto you they are made known unto me by the Holy Spirit of God. Behold, I have fasted and prayed many days that I might know these things of myself. And now I do know of myself that they are true; for the Lord God hath made them manifest unto me by his Holy Spirit; and this is the spirit of revelation which is in me.”

**John 21:15-17:** “Peter, lovest thou me more than these? Feed my sheep!”

**CA**- If we Love Jesus then we are invited to feed His sheep and help Him in His work and glory!

**Relative Quotes (from Pre-Mortal Existence Presentation):**

**Moses 4:3-4:** “Wherefore, because that **Satan** rebelled against me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also, that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten, I caused that he should be **cast down**;

4 And he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not **hearken unto my voice**.”

**CA**- What we do with the voice of God is imperative!

**Pres. Russell M. Nelson:**

“My beloved brothers and sisters, I plead with you to increase your spiritual capacity to receive revelation… Choose to do the spiritual work required to enjoy the gift of the Holy Ghost and hear the voice of the Spirit more frequently and more clearly….

“In coming days, it will not be possible to survive spiritually without the guiding, directing, comforting, and constant influence of the Holy Ghost…”

(President Nelson, [*Revelation*,](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2018/04/revelation-for-the-church-revelation-for-our-lives?lang=eng) April 2018)

“I renew my plea for you to do whatever it takes to increase your spiritual capacity to receive personal revelation. Doing so will help you know how to move ahead with your life, what to do during times of crisis, and how to discern and avoid the temptations and the deceptions of the adversary…

“It has never been more imperative to know… how the Spirit speaks to you than right now!”

(President Nelson, [*Hear Him*](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2020-04-4050-russell-m-nelson?lang=eng), April 2020)

**President Russell M. Nelson:**

**“If we are to have any hope of sifting through the myriad of voices and the philosophies of men that attack truth, we must learn to receive revelation.** *Our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, will perform some of His mightiest works between now and when He comes again*.”

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(**President Nelson**, *Revelation*, **April 2018**)

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(**President Nelson**, *Hear Him*, **April 2020**)

**“Write** the thoughts that come to your mind. Record your feelings and follow through with actions that you are prompted to take. As you repeat this process day after day, month after month, year after year, you will “***grow into the principle of revelation***.”

(**President Nelson**, *Revelation*, **April 2018**)

**2 Talks by Elder Richard G. Scott:**

“[To Acquire Spiritual Guidance”,](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2009/10/to-acquire-spiritual-guidance?lang=eng) (Richard G. Scott, Oct **2009 Gen Conf.)**

“[How to Obtain Revelation and Inspiration for Your Personal Life](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2012/04/how-to-obtain-revelation-and-inspiration-for-your-personal-life?lang=eng)”, (Richard G. Scott, April 2012 Gen Conf.)

**President Russell M. Nelson:**

**“**Does God really want to speak to you? **Yes!** **I urge you to stretch beyond your current spiritual ability to receive personal revelation**, for the Lord has promised that “if thou shalt [seek], thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation.” Oh, ***there is so much more that your Father in Heaven wants you to know***. As Elder Neal A. Maxwell taught, “*To those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, it is clear that the Father and the Son are giving away the secrets of the universe!”*

***“****With Moroni, I exhort you to “Come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift,” beginning with* ***the gift of the Holy Ghost, which gift can and will change your life.”***

(**President Nelson**, *Revelation*, **April 2018**)

**Bruce R. McConkie:**

“Being subject to law, and having their agency, all the spirits of men, while yet in the Eternal Presence, developed aptitudes, talents, capacities, and abilities of every sort, kind, and degree. During the long expanse of life which then was, an infinite variety of talents and abilities came into being. As the ages rolled, no two spirits remained alike. Mozart became a musician; Einstein centered his interest in mathematics; Michelangelo turned his attention to painting. Cain was a liar, a schemer, a rebel who maintained a close affinity to Lucifer…

“…And the talent of greatest worth was that of spirituality, for it enables us to hearken to the Holy Spirit and accept that gospel which prepares us for eternal life. The whole house of Israel, known and segregated out from their fellows, was inclined toward spiritual things…”

“Abraham and Moses and all of the prophets sought and obtained the **talent for spirituality**. Mary and Eve were two of the greatest of all the spirit daughters of the Father. And so it went through all the hosts of heaven, each individual developing such talents and abilities **as his soul desired**.”

(Bruce R. McConkie, The Mortal Messiah 1:23, & A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, p. 34)

**Julie B. Beck:**

“The single most important skill that can be acquired in this life is the ability to qualify for, receive, and act on Personal Revelation!”

(Julie B. Beck, Relief Society General President, Ensign (CR) May 2010, p.11)

* **Virtual Tour Footage**
* This series accompanies the *Virtual Tour* which features the Power of Place, 360 video footage, etc. In the visual presentation there are several pictures of the location:
  + **Shepherds Field (near Bethlehem)**

**Links to the Scriptures & Other Resources:**

[**Old Testament**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/gen/1?lang=eng)**:**

[**New Testament**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt?lang=eng)**:**

[**Book of Mormon**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm?lang=eng)**:**

[**Doctrine & Covenants**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament?lang=eng)**:**

[**Pearl of Great Price**:](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/pgp?lang=eng)

**Guide to the Scriptures**: [Good Shepherd](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/gs/good-shepherd?lang=eng)

[**“Good Shepherd, Lamb of God”**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2019/04/53gong?lang=eng) by Elder Gerrit W. Gong, April 2019

[**“Shepherding Souls”**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2018/10/shepherding-souls?lang=eng) by Elder Gary E. Stevenson, Oct 2018

[**“Our Good Shepherd”**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2017/04/our-good-shepherd?lang=eng) by Elder Dale G. Renlund, April 2017

**[“Becoming a Shepherd”](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2018/10/becoming-a-shepherd?lang=eng)** by Bonnie H. Cordon Young Women General President, Oct 2018

[**“The Summer of the Lambs”**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1989/10/the-summer-of-the-lambs?lang=eng) by By Jayne B. Malan, 1st Counselor in the YW General Presidency, Oct 1989

[**“If Ye Had Known Me”**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2016/10/if-ye-had-known-me?lang=eng) By Elder David A. Bednar, Oct 2016

[**“That They Might Know Thee”**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2022/10/53schmitt?lang=eng) By Elder Jonathan S. Schmitt, Oct 2022

[**The Living Christ**](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/the-living-christ-the-testimony-of-the-apostles/the-living-christ-the-testimony-of-the-apostles?lang=eng) **Document**:

**Quotes:**

**Jesus as the Good Shepherd & the Lamb:**

“At this Easter season, we celebrate the **Good Shepherd**, who is also the **Lamb of God**. Of all His divine titles, no others are more tender or telling. We learn much from our Savior’s references to Himself as the Good Shepherd and from prophetic testimonies of Him as the Lamb of God. These roles and symbols are powerfully complementary—who better to succor each precious lamb than the Good Shepherd, and who better to be our Good Shepherd than the Lamb of God? ([Elder Gerrit W. Gong, April 2019](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2019/04/53gong?lang=eng))