

## Deacon's Beacons

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“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.” John 10:27–30

This is from the Good Shepherd section of John's Gospel. The image, like most images that Jesus used, is really sort of lost on us. We are modern people. The image of a shepherd is vague at best. But to the people listening to this, it is clear enough. The sheep are helpless without their shepherd. The Good Shepherd cares for and provides for all of His sheep. He will protect them with His life. And in fact, that is just what Jesus did. He made sure that the evil one could not steal away His sheep. He sealed that with His blood.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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