



Jesus is...The Good Shepherd

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Man Dies to Save Trapped Bunny pops up as you scroll through your news app. You tap on the video. You see what reminds you of the furry little Cadbury Creme Egg mascot. A heroic rescue follows.

You're baffled. You're impressed! You think...What inspired that guy to give his own life for a bunny? Come to think of it, I sometimes forget even to feed my own pet!

Try another headline: **Man Dies to Save World.** That headline actually does pop up when you read the Bible. At first it may sound like it's from a too-predictable superhero movie. It seems too good to be true. But it is true! Jesus is that man. He died an agonizing, humiliating death on a Roman torture-pole to save the world. He wasn't saving it from global warming or hunger or war, but saving it from damnation. And despite what some speculate, Jesus didn't come to post the 10 commandments at every town hall and enforce them. No, the world already stood condemned by the law because of its sin. Instead, Jesus came to rescue the world. By the way, "world" means everyone in it. You too!

Look at the extraordinary heroism in Jesus, this world's Rescuer! Really, it was more than

heroism. He, being true God, displayed God's love and God's plan to give forgiveness and eternal life to all! Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection show us the very heart of God. This is a headline worth your time. It is worth hearing and reading more about. Scroll on.

Here's a way to picture Jesus your God and Savior: Jesus is *The Good Shepherd*. He describes himself, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). We're the sheep. We've strayed and "bleated up" life because we're sinful. We are lost sheep needing rescue. Not just by a hired hand. Not just by any shepherd, but by *The Good Shepherd*. Not just a no-name hero, forgotten tomorrow. Jesus is the good shepherd who, being both God and man, laid down his life for you. He really did save the whole world. Your sins are forgiven.

Your life's headline reads: **Good Shepherd Dies to Save THIS Sheep.** It's a headline others need to hear about too! Share it!