

A Thrill of Hope

1. The Supreme God became the Sacrificial Lamb- He has saved us. “He was led like a lamb to the slaughter”. Isaiah 53:6. *Luke 2:1-20; Colossians 1:15; Isaiah 53:7; John 1:29*

2. The Sacrifice became the Good Shepherd- He wants to lead us. “For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them”. Revelation 7:17. *Revelation 7:17; Psalm 23:1-6*

3. The Shepherd has become the Sovereign Lord- He will rule us. “The Sovereign LORD is coming in power...He will feed his flock like a shepherd”. Isaiah 40:10-11.

Isaiah 40:10-11; Romans 14:11-12

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

- Luke 1:5-25
- Matthew 1:18-25
- Luke 1:26-56
- Luke 2:8-15
- Matthew 2:13-23
- Hebrews 1:1-14, 13:2
- Revelation 5

Discussion Questions:

1. What part of the shepherd story intrigues you most? Discuss the prophetic foreshadowing between the sacrificial system of the Old Testament and Jesus.
2. Discuss Psalm 23 together. What part of the Good Shepherd’s leadership or provision have you experienced? Share.
3. What parts of your life have been more difficult to bring under Jesus’ rulership. (anxiety, worry, addictions, relational tendencies, anger, unforgiveness, etc.) What good might the Good Shepherd want for you in these parts of your life?