

## **CONTRASTING MISSIONS**

### **John 10:10**

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

### **Introduction**

In this discourse in chapter ten of John's gospel, Jesus describes Himself as a shepherd. Not only does He describe Himself as a shepherd, but He describes Himself as "The Good Shepherd." He declares that He is superior to the other shepherds and more dedicated than the hired servants paid to assist with the sheep. He is not bragging. He is stating facts to give His followers confidence in His divine leadership. They had experienced many false prophets who had led them astray and had given them false hope, such as immediately driving the Romans from their homeland. They were now hesitant about following anybody. (We live in a world where there is much distrust for leaders and institutions.)

In our text, verse ten, as He explains His role as The Superior Shepherd, Jesus gives two mission statements. You know what a mission statement is. Just for review, a mission statement is a statement of why an organization or entity exists, what its overall goal is, and the products and services it provides. It is a formal summary of the aims and values of an individual, company, or organization. Jesus revealed the mission statement of the evil one. Then He expressed His own mission statements. Let's look at these two mission statements and glean some important truths.

### **Exposition**

#### **1. The Contrasts Are Significant.**

(Life Versus Death.)

(More Than Enough Versus Never Enough.)

(Abundance Versus Lack.)

(Loosing Versus Receiving.)

**2. The Contrasts Are Competing.**

(Evil Versus Good.)

(Deception Versus Truth.)

**3. Jesus Avoided Mission Drift.**

(He Would Not Yield To Satan's Bidding When Tempted.)

(He Did Not Abandon His Mission In Gethsemane.)

**4. Jesus Completed His Mission At A Very High Cost.**

(It Cost Him Death On The Cross.)

**Closing Thoughts**

Jesus came as a little innocent baby. He grew to manhood and accomplished His mission. His mission statement was not a few idle words. It was a strategy that was planned before the foundation of the earth was formed. Before there was a sinner there was a plan to save all sinners. The Good Shepherd died for His sheep. The Good Shepherd saves His Sheep. The Good Shepherd knows His Sheep. The Good Shepherd cares for His Sheep. The Good Shepherd calls His Sheep. The Good Shepherd keeps His Sheep eternally. Aren't you glad you are in the care of the Good Shepherd? If you are not in His care, accept Him as your Savior and come into His fold. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

**Related Scripture**

**John 10:1-18**

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