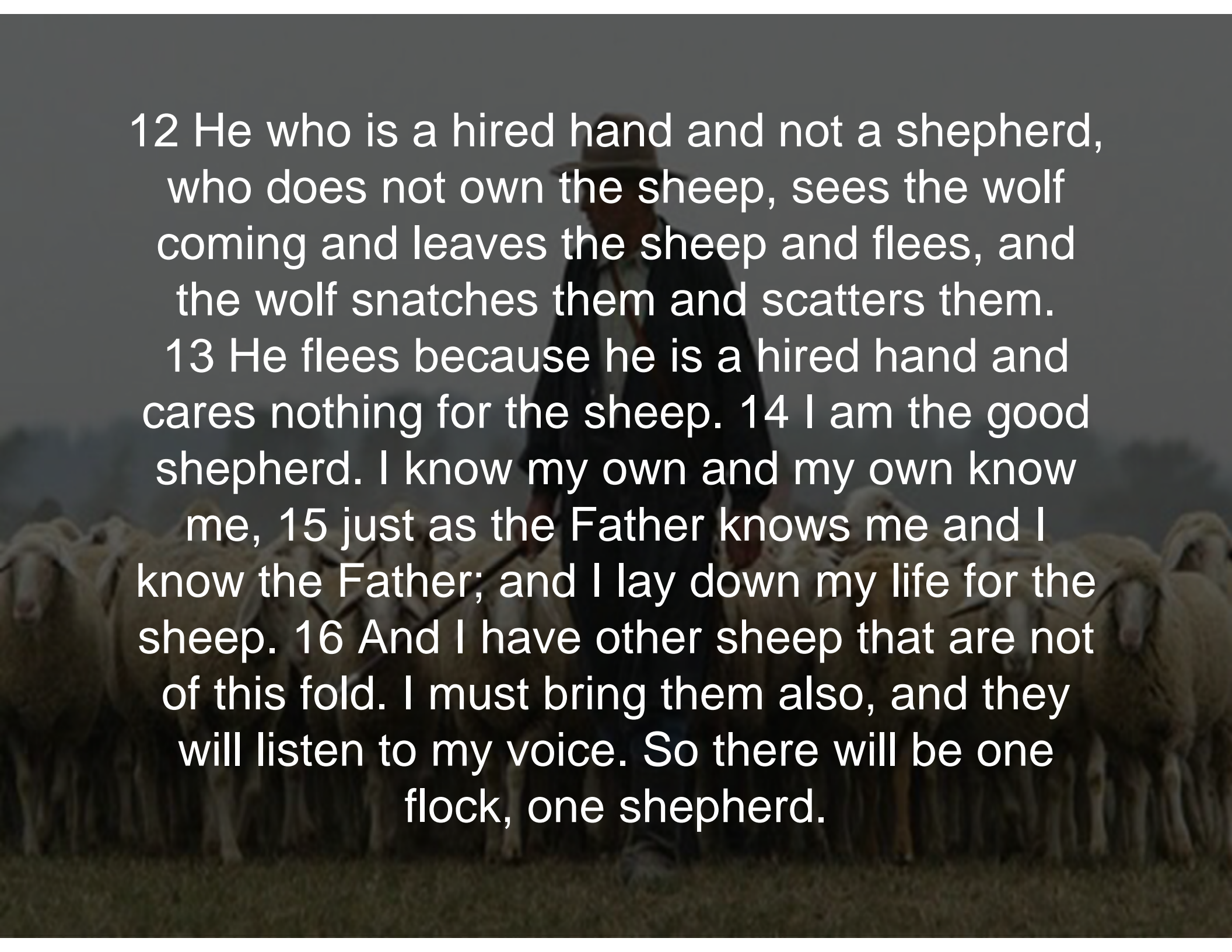
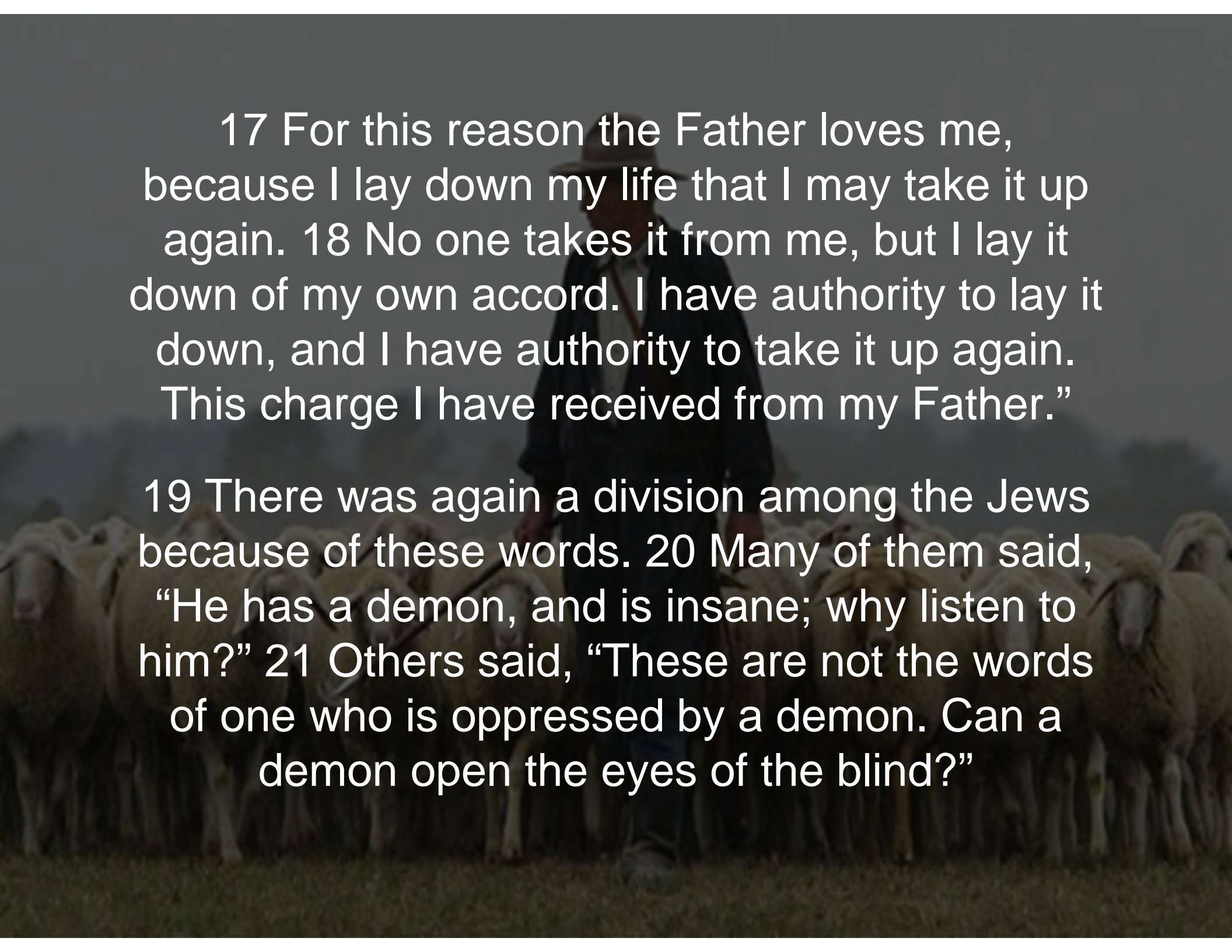
A shepherd wearing a dark suit, white shirt, tie, and a wide-brimmed hat stands in a field with a flock of sheep. The scene is dimly lit, possibly at dusk or dawn, with a soft, hazy background. The shepherd is holding a long staff or crook. The sheep are clustered around him, some looking towards the camera. The overall mood is peaceful and pastoral.

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.



12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

A shepherd wearing a hat and a dark coat is walking through a field of sheep. The scene is dimly lit, possibly at dusk or dawn, with a soft, hazy background. The sheep are clustered around the shepherd, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and pastoral.

17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” 21 Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

A shepherd wearing a hat and a dark jacket, holding a staff, walking through a flock of sheep in a field. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

Jesus is the Door and Good Shepherd

John 10:7-21

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Jesus contrasts Himself with two images
of selfish leadership

Jesus is the Gateway to True Life and
Freedom (10:7, 9, 10b)

False shepherds have arisen throughout
history to use and abuse God's people.
(10:8, 10a)

Ezekiel 34 on Shepherds

Wicked Shepherds only take care of themselves at the expense of the flock (Ezekiel 34:2-3)

They do not strengthen the sheep, care for their hurting, seek for the lost, maintain the unity of the flock, nor protect them from threats. (34:4-6)

The Lord is against them, will judge them, and not let them remain as shepherds. (34:7-10b)

The Lord himself will search for, rescue, and shepherd HIS flock abundantly and with integrity (34:10c-16)

The Lord will separate the rams (sheep) from the selfish goats (34:17-19)

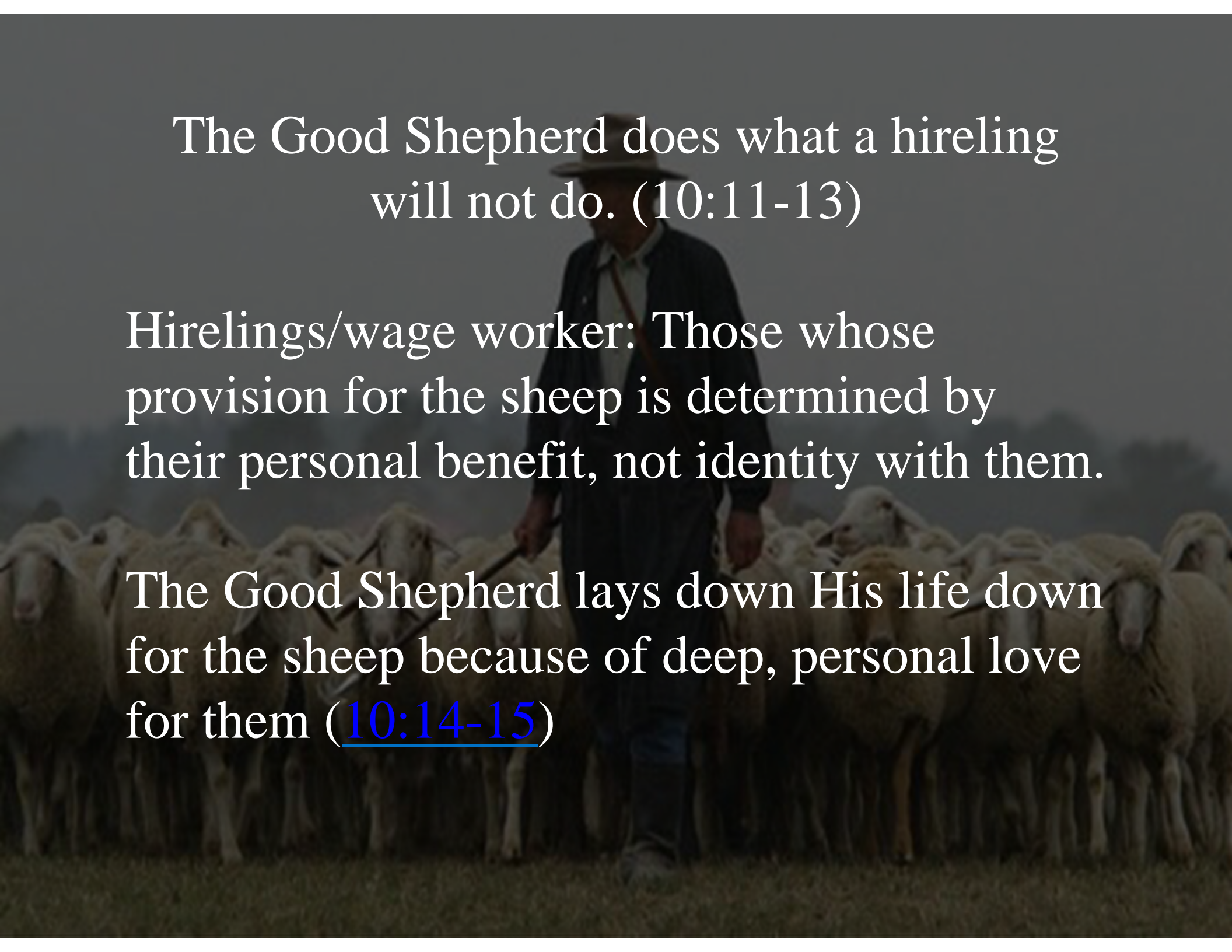
A shepherd wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a dark suit jacket is walking through a flock of sheep in a field. The sheep are white and appear to be grazing. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a bright sky.

Wicked shepherds also referred to as gluttonous sheep (34:20)

There will be one princely shepherd of YHWH's flock, the Davidic servant/Messiah (34:23-24)

Jeremiah [3:15-17](#): God will provide faithful shepherds (plural) when he gathers all nations, with changed hearts, to his throne.

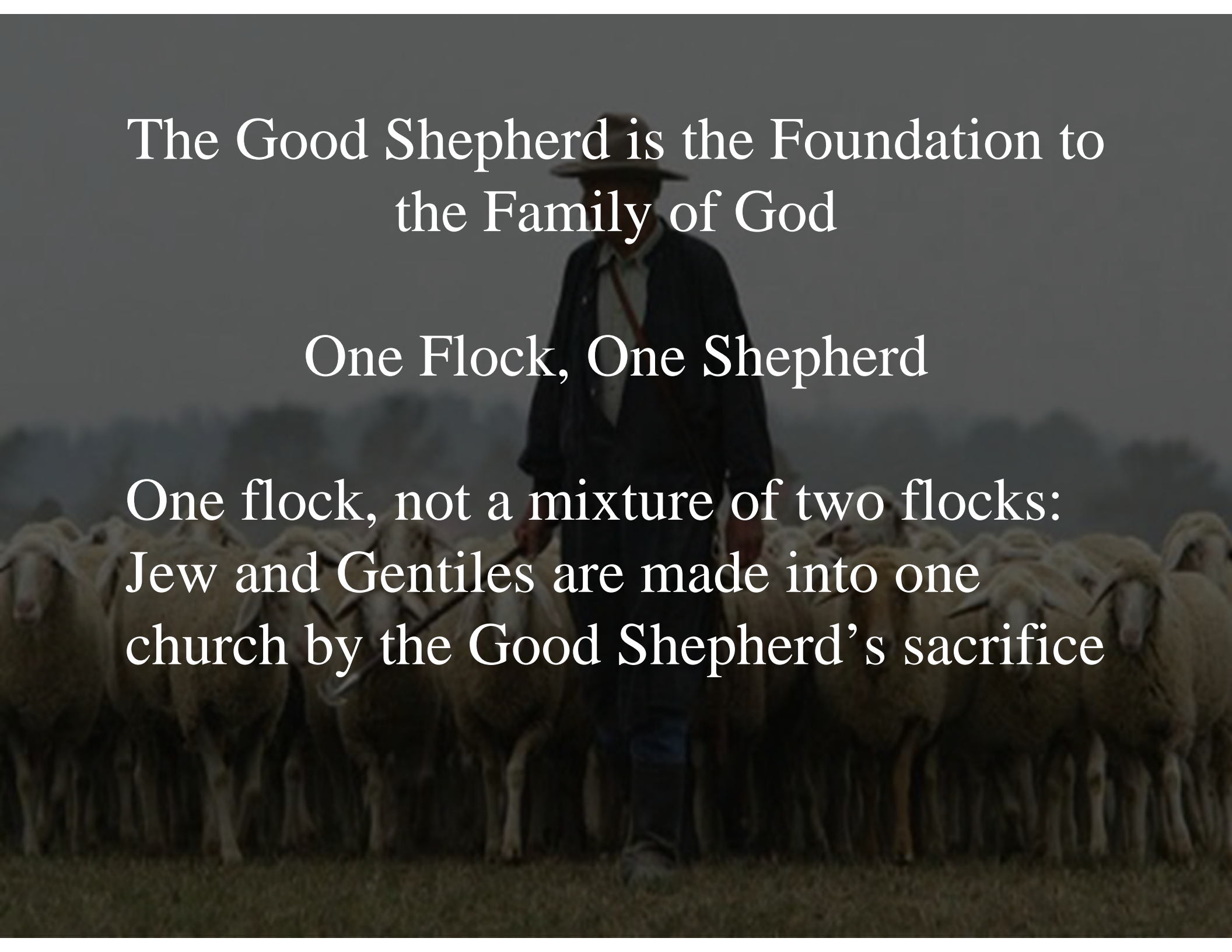
Jeremiah 23:1-6: Woe to the wicked shepherds; the Lord will gather his remnant flock with faithful shepherds (plural) and have the Righteous Branch of David as king over them (chief leader).

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The Good Shepherd does what a hireling
will not do. (10:11-13)

Hirelings/wage worker: Those whose
provision for the sheep is determined by
their personal benefit, not identity with them.

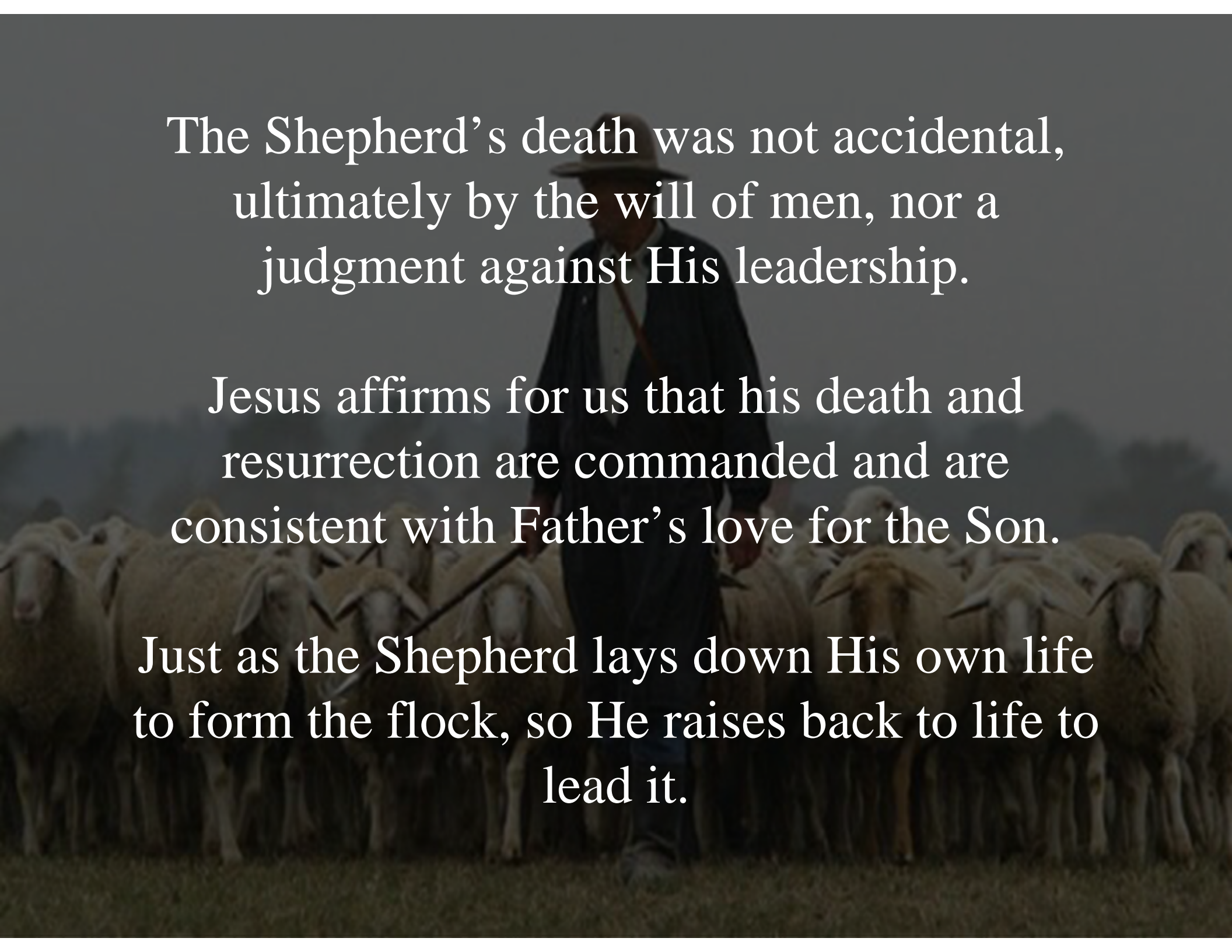
The Good Shepherd lays down His life down
for the sheep because of deep, personal love
for them ([10:14-15](#))

A shepherd wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a dark coat is walking through a large flock of sheep in a field. The scene is dimly lit, possibly at dawn or dusk, with a soft, hazy background. The shepherd is positioned in the center of the frame, surrounded by the sheep.

The Good Shepherd is the Foundation to
the Family of God

One Flock, One Shepherd

One flock, not a mixture of two flocks:
Jew and Gentiles are made into one
church by the Good Shepherd's sacrifice

A shepherd wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a dark coat is walking through a field, leading a large flock of sheep. The scene is dimly lit, possibly at dusk or dawn, with a soft, hazy background. The shepherd is holding a long staff or crook. The sheep are clustered around him, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and pastoral.

The Shepherd's death was not accidental,
ultimately by the will of men, nor a
judgment against His leadership.

Jesus affirms for us that his death and
resurrection are commanded and are
consistent with Father's love for the Son.

Just as the Shepherd lays down His own life
to form the flock, so He raises back to life to
lead it.

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Jesus is uniquely the Shepherd for His
Sheep

Jesus is the Shepherd Model for others
to emulate