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Message of Hope: Jesus the Good Shepherd

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I reflect on Jesus the Good Shepherd: three things that give me encouragement.

1. The image of the people of God as sheep suggests vulnerability, defenselessness. Though we may think we are tough, we are all vulnerable. Right now we may be more aware of how easily we can lose health, wealth and loved ones. But we can trust on God's constant love.
2. Jesus is described in the bible as shepherd & also the gate to the sheep pen. In New Testament times sheep were kept collectively from various shepherds. This metaphor suggests that as people of God we are mixed up with all people: the church is in the world, not apart from it. We have responsibilities to care for the others who are just as vulnerable as we are. Christ stands guard over all the world & loves all regardless of who they are.
3. The idea of Jesus as Good Shepherd is linked to Jesus our Saviour. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life to save the flock. We are saved from peril and saved for new life & service. Jesus came that we would have abundant life. That is what Easter is about.