

JESUS IS NOT OUR CHAPLAIN HE'S OUR SHEPHERD AND OUR KING



We would like Jesus to be our chaplain.

To help us in our disputes.

To boost our morale, make us feel good.

But Jesus is not here to be a chaplain and settle our disputes.

One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me."

But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?"

Luke 12

We would like Jesus to boost our morale like a faithful chaplain.

But he's not here to make us feel good.

And behold, one came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?"

And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your

father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

Matthew 19

Jesus is our Shepherd



He leads us out of darkness into light, brings us from the power of Satan to God.

He speaks to us and guides our steps.

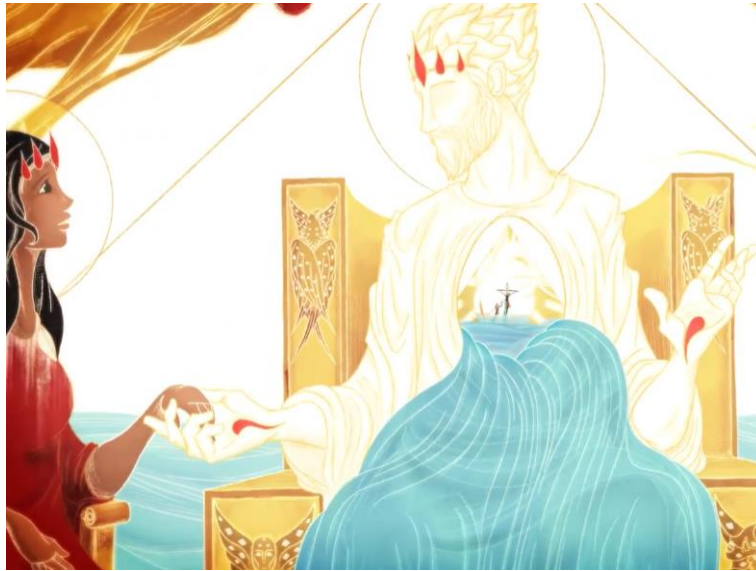
"My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me."

John 10

Our Shepherd is kind, but he is also firm.

Our Shepherd is unspeakable love, but he is also consuming fire.

Jesus is our King



He is Lord of our life.

He rules us by the power of Truth, and burns away all our deceit.

"So you are a king?"

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

John 18

When we have a Shepherd and a King, who needs a chaplain?

Prayer: Jesus, caring shepherd and all powerful king may we stop seeing you as a way to make our lives easier, a way to get things our way. Instead, may our hearts melt at the tender care you give us, may we trust where you lead us, may we snuggle into your loving arms. At the same time, may we be awed by your majesty, bowing before you....ever willing to carry out your holy commands. Yes our king, our shepherd may we hear and heed your voice. Amen.

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