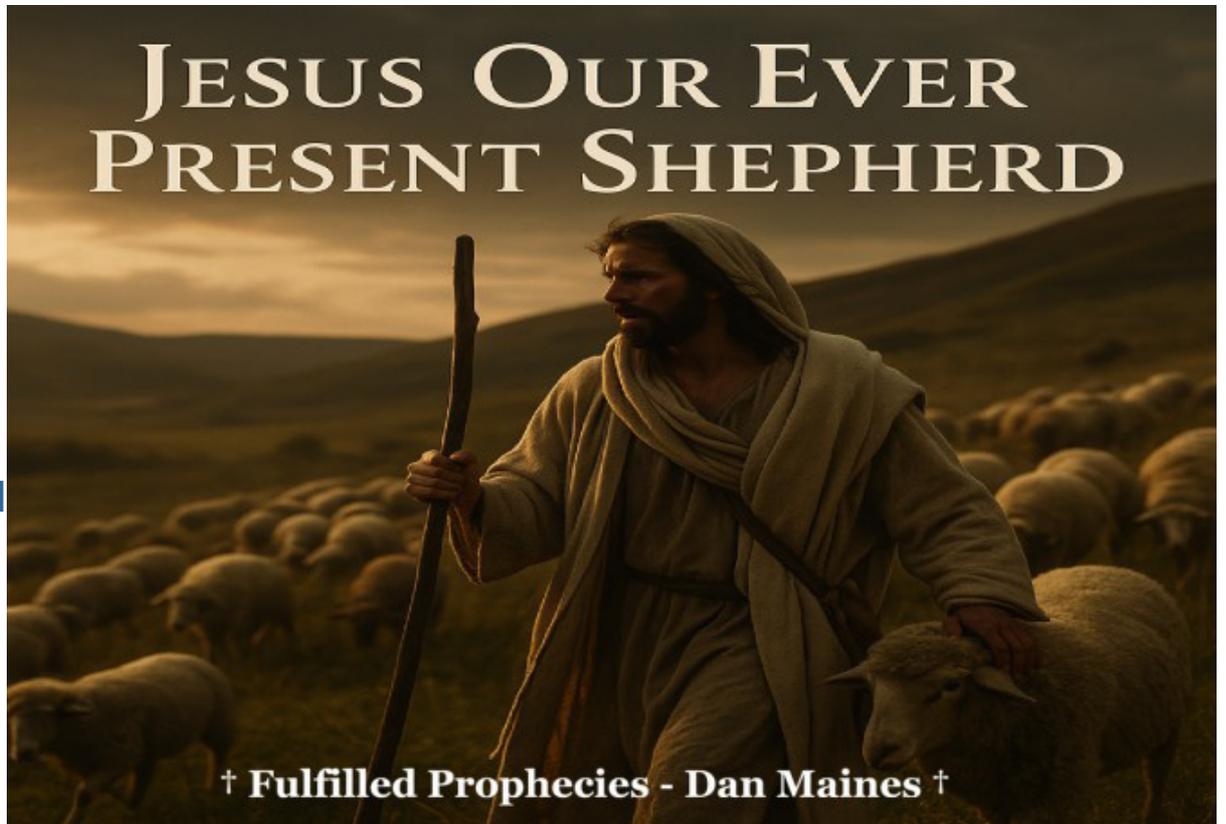


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## **Jesus Our Ever Present Shepherd**

### **Dedication**

† This post is dedicated to everyone who has reached out to me privately with their worries, their doubts, their fears, and their heartbreaks. Many of you share things that never make it into a public comment, things you carry quietly while trying to stay strong for everyone else.

† I want you to know that you're seen, you're heard, and you matter. Your tears, your questions, your struggles, and your prayers do not go unnoticed by God.

† This message is for those who feel tired but keep going, for those who feel overwhelmed but keep believing, for those who feel alone but continue to hope that Jesus is near.

† My heart is with you, and more importantly, the Shepherd who loves

you more deeply than words can express walks beside you in every step. This sermon is written especially with you in mind.

## **Introduction**

† Every one of us goes through moments when life feels heavy, when our hearts feel tired, and when the world seems darker than we hoped. In those moments, God did not give us a theory, He gave us a Person. He gave us Jesus, the Shepherd who never walks away.

† From the fulfilled perspective, we understand that Jesus is not far away. He is not distant. He is not waiting for a future age to draw near. He is the ever present Shepherd who finished His work, established His kingdom, and now walks with His people in every breath of their lives.

† The message of the kingdom is simple, Jesus is with us, Jesus is for us, and Jesus will never let His people stand alone.

## **Jesus The Shepherd Who Knows Our Pain**

### **Psalm 34:18**

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

† This promise is not poetic comfort, it is covenant reality. Because Jesus fulfilled all things, the Lord is not near sometimes, He is near always. He knows what hurts us, He knows what burdens us, and He knows the struggles we never speak out loud.

† Jesus carries what we cannot carry, He lifts what we cannot lift, and He sees what we try to hide behind brave faces. He is the Shepherd who knows every part of us.

## **Jesus The One Who Restores Our Souls**

### **Psalm 23:3**

He restores my soul, He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

† Restoration is not a future promise, it is a present blessing. Jesus restores us right now, in our homes, in our prayers, in our pain, and in our quiet moments.

† When life drains us, Jesus fills us. When fears shake us, Jesus steadies us. When confusion clouds our minds, Jesus brings clarity. He restores our souls because His finished work opened a kingdom we now live in fully.

## **Jesus The One Who Never Leaves Us**

### **Hebrews 13:5**

I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.

† These words are not symbolic. They are the covenant heart of Jesus toward His people. He does not abandon us, He does not grow tired of us, and He does not withdraw when life becomes messy.

† Jesus stays. He stays in our weakness, He stays in our storms, He stays in our tears, and He stays in our victories. The Shepherd who gave Himself for the sheep does not walk away after the battle is won.

## **Jesus The Light In Our Darkness**

### **John 8:12**

I am the Light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.

† Darkness is real, but Jesus is greater. He is not a distant light, He is the Light inside His people. The Light that never goes out, never dims, and never fades.

† Because His work is fulfilled, the Light of Christ shines in us every day. We never have to fear that He will disappear or leave us fumbling in the dark. He walks with us, and His presence gives hope that no circumstance can erase.

## **Jesus The Giver Of Rest**

### **Matthew 11:28**

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

† Jesus does not tell us to try harder, He tells us to come closer. Rest is not earned, it is given.

† Rest is the gift of His presence, the peace of His kingdom, and the comfort of knowing that every promise God made has found its Yes in Him. When we come to Jesus, we find the rest our souls have been longing for.

## **How This Applies To Us Today**

† We live in a world that can overwhelm us, but we belong to a Shepherd who carries us.

† We face moments of pain, but we walk with a Savior who heals us.

† We see darkness around us, but the Light of Christ shines within us.

† We are never alone, never abandoned, and never forgotten, because Jesus finished His work and now reigns in a kingdom where His people live in His presence every single day.

† The Shepherd who loved us to the cross now loves us through every

moment of our lives.

## **Closing**

† As we walk through our days, it's easy to feel like the world is heavy and our hearts are tired. But Jesus has never stopped being the Shepherd who carries His people.

† Every sunrise reminds us that His mercies are new. Every breath reminds us that His presence is near. Every answered prayer, every quiet comfort, every moment of peace in the middle of our storms is Jesus whispering that we are never forgotten.

† Jesus knows your name, He knows your fears, He knows your dreams, and He knows the wounds you never speak out loud. And still, He calls you His own.

† He holds your hand when life is confusing. He lifts your head when sorrow tries to bend it low. He walks beside you when others walk away. He sings over you when your heart is too tired to sing for itself.

† You are not here by accident. You are not loved halfway. You are not walking through life alone. The Shepherd who laid down His life for you is the same Shepherd who walks with you today, tomorrow, and every moment you breathe.

† Let this truth settle deep into your heart, Jesus is with you, Jesus is for you, and Jesus will never stop being the Shepherd who loves you more deeply than you will ever fully understand.

† May that truth fill you with peace, warm your soul, bring tears of gratitude, and remind you that in Christ, you are forever held, forever loved, and forever home.

## **Historical References**

† Justin Martyr, in Dialogue with Trypho, said that Jesus is the true Christ who now reigns over His people and fulfills what the prophets spoke. He taught that Jesus shepherds His people through the Spirit and that the kingdom is present in those who follow Him. (Dialogue with Trypho, chapters 36 to 39)

† Irenaeus wrote that Jesus is the Shepherd who gathers the scattered children of God and brings them into the restored kingdom. He emphasized that Jesus accomplished His work and now leads His people in fullness. (Against Heresies, Book 3 chapters 16 to 20)

† Tertullian said that Jesus is always with His church, guiding, comforting, and defending His people, and that His presence is the guarantee of their peace and strength. (Against Marcion, Book 4 chapters 7 to 9)

† Clement of Alexandria described Jesus as the true Teacher and Shepherd who heals the broken, restores the weary, and leads His people gently into peace and maturity. (The Instructor, Book 1 chapters 1 to 3)

† Barnabas wrote that Jesus fulfilled the prophetic promises and now walks with His people, opening their eyes and hearts to God's completed work. He called Jesus the One who brings light, life, and restoration. (Epistle of Barnabas, chapters 5 to 8)

† Eusebius said that Jesus' finished work established a new covenant community, and that He continues to guide and strengthen His people by His presence. He called Christ the Shepherd and overseer of the flock through every trial they face. (Ecclesiastical History, Book 1 chapters 2 to 5)

† Josephus recorded the historical setting of the first century, showing how the old covenant world was ending and how God preserved His people through the events leading to AD 70. His writings confirm the backdrop of Jesus' promises and the faithfulness of God to His people. (The Wars of the Jews, Books 5 to 6)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† Psalm 34:18, Psalm 23:1-6, Hebrews 13:5, John 8:12, Matthew 11:28-30

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