

**Easter Sunday**  
**The Authority of the Resurrected Shepherd**  
**John 10:11-18 (page 748)**

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*...I lay down my life - only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.*

*John 10:17-18*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ a s s u r e s me that:

- Sin has been d e f e a t e d (Jn 1:29; Isa 53:4-12; Rom 3:9-18, 23; 5:6-8; 12; 1 Eph 2:1-3; 1 Jn 1:7)
  
- Death has been d e s t r o y e d (Jn 11:25; Rom 5:17; 1 Cor 15:54-56; 2 Tim 1:10; Heb 2:14-15; Acts 2:24)
  
- Judgment has been e x e c u t e d (Jn 5:24; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 9:27)
  
- I have a Shepherd who c a n n o t be d e f e a t e d (Matt 28:18-19; 26:13; Phil 2:6-11; Rev 5:6-12)

The *crucial question* on this Easter Sunday is: Are y o u one of Christ's s h e e p today?