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JESUS:

born of Mary

/ from qedem to olam

born in Bethlehem

/ from eternity past to eternity future

born of flesh and blood

/ eternal

Man

/ God

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JESUS:

Ruler over Israel: mashal – one who reigns, with authority over subjects

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***The LORD* - YAHWEH**

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CSB **Micah 4:2** many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us about His ways so we may walk in His paths." For instruction will go out of Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

JESUS:

The Teacher of the ways of God

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^{ESV} **Micah 4:3** He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off

JESUS:

The Judge, the mediator between nations

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CSB **Micah 4:7** the LORD will rule over them in Mount Zion from this time on and forever.

JESUS:

The King Forever: melek: to rule as king

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We need a shepherd to lead us.

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We are sheep -

don't know what to do

don't know where to go

don't feed ourselves

wander

get lost

get stuck

don't clean ourselves

need rescuing

can't defend selves

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We are sheep -
dependent
need a leader
need provision

need constant care
make mistakes

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- *Shepherds at the time of Christ were: unclean, religious outcasts, disqualified from worship at the temple*

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 - lives with sheep*
 - always pays attention*
 - keeps them close*
 - leads to water and food*
 - protects his sheep*
 - lays down his life for his sheep*

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Jesus

Strong in the Lord

Reigns in the majesty of the name of the Lord

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Micah 5:5 – He will be their peace

Jesus

Prince of Peace

Ezekiel 34:12-15 ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

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Zechariah 13:7 Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight all of you will run away because of Me, for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”

Jesus – the Shepherd – was struck instead of the sheep.

John 10:11-16 ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. ¹² A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

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1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Hebrews 13:20-21 ²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus-- the great Shepherd of the sheep-- with the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ equip you with all that is good to do His will, working in us what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 23:1-6 ^{NKJ} The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.