

## **The Lord is My Shepherd: The LORD My Comforter (Psalm 23:4)**

- Last Sunday: The Lord My Restorer (Psalm 23:3)
  1. Sheep go astray
  2. The Lord restores His sheep
  3. Lord leads His sheep in paths of righteousness for His name's sake
- The LORD Shammah "Thou art with me" (Ezek 48: 35)
- Jesus left His disciples: *Holy Spirit the comforter could come* (Jn 14.16)

### **I. The Origin of Death – The Presence of Sin**

- Sin ruined the image bearers of God: Rom 5:12. *wages of sin: death* 6:23
- Man suppresses his conscience Rom 1:18, 19, vv 28-32
- Sin entered through Eve & Adam who were tempted by Satan (Jn 8:44)
- The fruit of sin is death and destruction (Rom 3:9-18)
- Jesus came to destroy the devil's work (1 Jn 3:8) death (Heb 2:14)

### **II. Walking Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death**

- Christ died and was raised up for us – first fruits (1 Cor 15:20, 21)
- Because Christ was raised up, we too will be raised up with new bodies
- Martha & Mary – Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11)
- The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus up will raise us up (Rom 1:3,4)

### **III. For You are with Me, Your Rod and Staff Comfort Me**

- Rod and Staff – for protection and comfort to God's sheep
- Picture of Jesus' scepter: power and all authority (Gen 49:10; Ps 110:2)