

Sermon 4/25/21

## “On Trial”

### Bible Readings:

Psalm 23

Acts 4:1-12

What do you know about sheep?

- How does it make you feel to be called a sheep?
  - Do you think God has the right to call you a sheep?
    - Really?
  
- As the protagonist of your own story, what do you think people would think of you if they watched the movie of your life, or read the book of “You”?
  
- Are you like Jacob?
  - A deceiver turned into a wrestler of God, and a servant.
- Are you like Daniel?
  - Hated by some and loved by others.
- Are you like Jonah?
  - Scared of being used by God to the point of ignoring Him or running away.
- Are you like Esther?
  - Able to stand up for people.
- If not, who do you identify with the most from the Bible?
  
- In all the stories you discussed, do you see God working in those people’s lives? Do you see that on their own they would not have been able to succeed without Him?
  
- Share a time when God was working in *your* life and you didn’t recognize it.
  - When did you realize that He was working in the situation?
    - In the midst of the trial/event?
    - Afterwards?
  - What does that say about our focus?
- What did you learn from this time?
  
- Pastor JD mentioned that it is Jesus who is: on trial, being tested, being crucified, suffering through the time of trial, and not us if we depend on Him. Truly, Jesus is the protagonist of every story.
  - How does it make you feel to think about the fact that you may not be the protagonist of your own story?
  
- How will you live your life differently after hearing this News?

