

Assurance

Based on John 10:14-39

Jesus continued to teach the people. Some people believed him, but others did not. One day, Jesus was speaking to those who did not believe he was the Promised Savior.

"I am the good **shepherd**; I know my own **sheep**, the people who believe in me, and they know me. The Father loves me because I voluntarily die/give my life for my sheep. No one can take my life from me. I give it voluntarily. I can give it when I want to and also take it again."

Again Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of an important religious festival. He was walking in their place of worship. The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Promised Savior, tell us plainly."

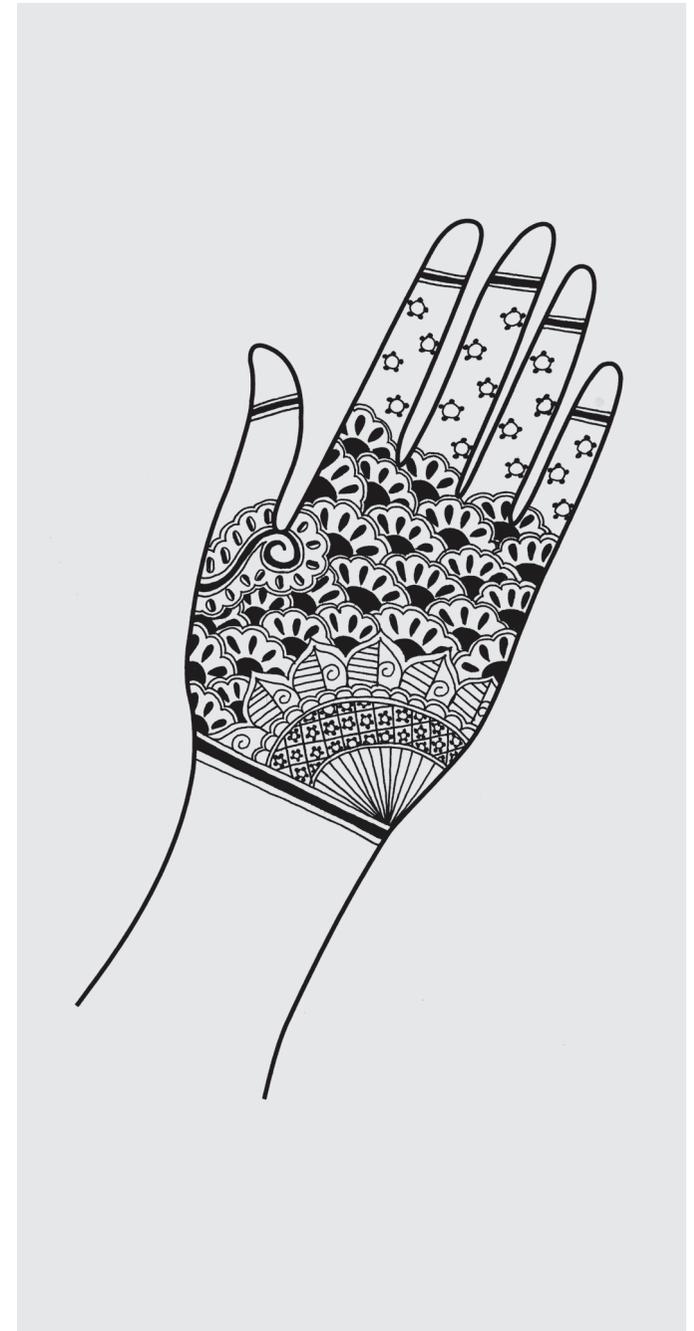
Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. You don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to me; I know them, and they follow me."

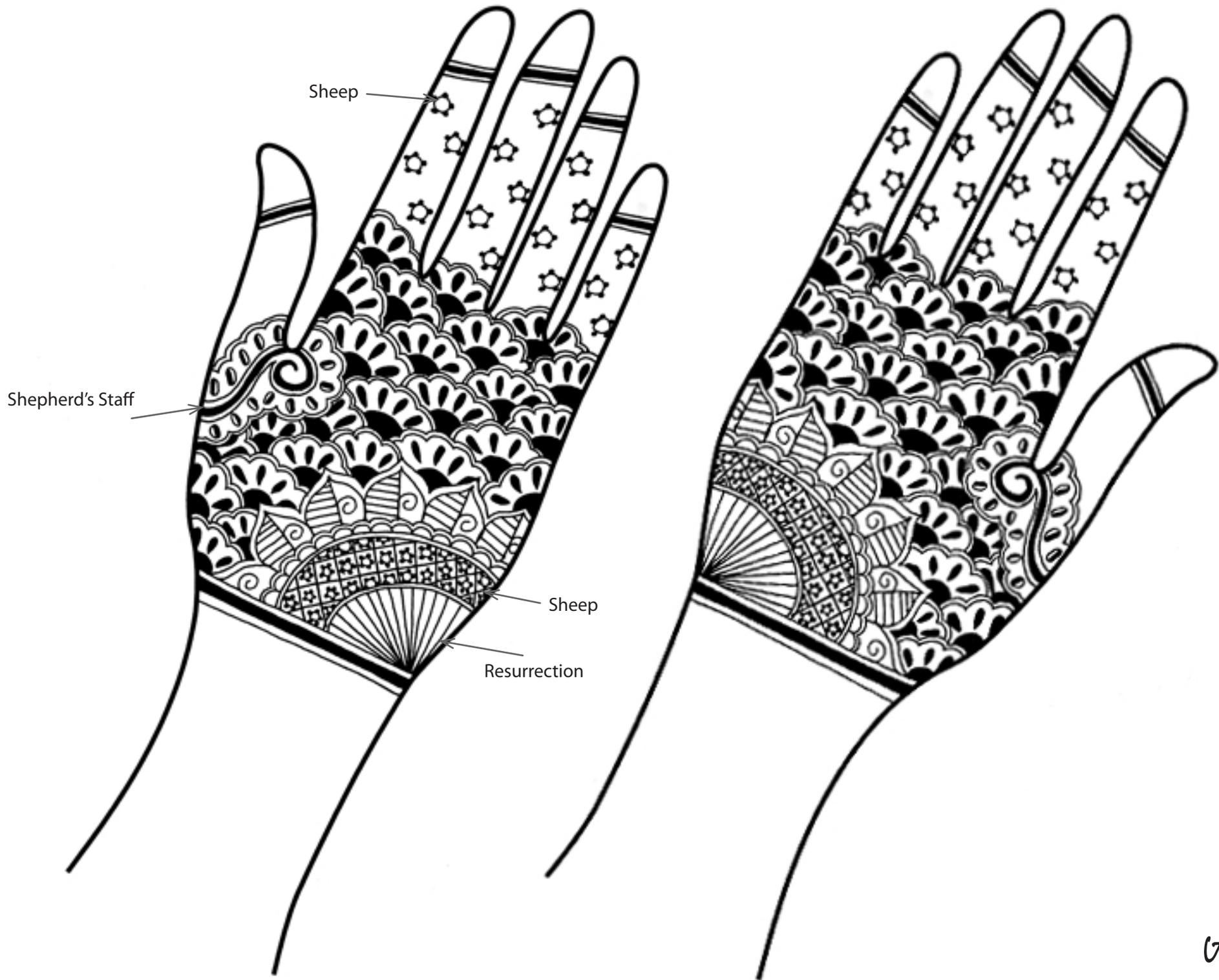
"I give them **eternal life**, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The people picked up stones to kill him saying, "You, a mere man, claim to be God." Jesus answered, "Why do you say I show disrespect to God when I say, 'I am the Son of God'? But if I do my Father's work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me..." Once again they tried to arrest him, but he got away and left them.

Drawing Elements: Shepherd, Sheep, Resurrection (eternal life)

Drawing Notes: The sheep on the fingers are those who do not believe Jesus to be the resurrected Son of God. The sheep at the wrist within the resurrection symbol represents those who believe and have the promise of eternal life.





Sheep

Shepherd's Staff

Sheep

Resurrection