



## IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE (Psalm 23:3)

Introduction: *Imagine yourself lost & hopeless in a deep jungle...*

- I. FOR MANY PEOPLE TODAY, LIFE IS LIKE A JUNGLE
  - A. A jungle filled with the hurt & challenges of this sinful world.
  - B. A jungle wherein we hear the whispered lies of the devil.
  - C. For many people, it is a jungle out there... and hope is in short supply
  
- II. RESCUE & A RESCUER FROM THE JUNGLE HAS BEEN PROVIDED
  - A. Psalm 23:3 – *“He restores my soul.”*
  - B. What does it take to restore our soul & our hope in the jungle?
    - (1) A **person** who has been in the jungle & knows his way out
    - (2) A person who will give you a **new vision** so you don't give up
    - (3) A person who gives you **direction** – who doesn't just know the way, but can take you there
    - (4) All three of these realities are seen in Psalm 23:3 – *“He restores my soul.”*
    - (5) JESUS your rescuer is the person and He gives the vision & the direction
    - (6) You were not made for this jungle (1 Peter 2:11)
  
- III. JUST LOOK AT JESUS, YOUR RESCUER!
  - A. He is the **person** who has travelled this jungle of sin & death & grave, and has cleared the pathway for you (John 10:11)
  - B. He not only has the right **direction** out of the jungle, He is the way out (John 14:6)
  - C. He looks into our eyes & gives us a new **vision** of hope (Psalm 121)
  - D. Jesus (like an experienced jungle guide) doesn't just show the path, **He is the path**
  - E. He has promised to stay with us in the jungle until the very end (Matthew 28:20)

Conclusion:

*It may be “a jungle out there”...  
but our Shepherd is the LORD of the jungle.*