

## Readers Theatre on Ezekiel 34

### 2 Parts (Narrator, Ezekiel)

**Narrator:** A long time ago in the land of Judah, there lived a man named Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a priest in the temple in Jerusalem. One day, when Judah was invaded by the nation of Babylon, most of the city's leaders and elites were taken into exile to live as captives in Babylon. Ezekiel was among them. Ezekiel wondered how this could have happened. As he wondered, he started having very strange visions. Ezekiel was also given words of prophecy from God to speak to his people. One day, Ezekiel said:

**Ezekiel:** I give a great warning to all the leaders of my people – you were like shepherds, who were supposed to take care of your flock, the people of your community, but you chose to only look after yourself and now, look, my people are like sheep without a shepherd, are hurting and in pain, and are scattered all over the place.

**Narrator:** Ezekiel's prophecy didn't end there though. He saw a hopeful future when he said:

**Ezekiel:** Listen to what God says! One day soon, God will be the shepherd that the people need. And God will send a true leader, a good shepherd from David's line who will care for the flock.