

THE DOOR

John 10:7-10

Introduction:

1. Jesus Makes a Profound Claim (John 10:7)

A) I AM

- > The significance of an “*ego eimi*” statement (John 8:58)
- > The “I Am” claims in John’s gospel (John 6:35; 8:12; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5)

The “I AM” claims all speak of Jesus’ person – He is God

They also speak of His purpose

B) I Am the Door

- > A change in the illustration

Jesus the Shepherd (John 10:1-5)

Jesus the Door (John 10:7, 9)

- > Another change in the illustration

A sheepfold by the city to one in the field

2. Jesus Identifies a Profound Distinction (John 10:8)

A) What does Jesus mean by “all”

- > Certainly not all ... Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, etc ...
- > Rather, all who came to with an inappropriate purpose in relationship to the sheep (John 10:10)

B) What does Jesus mean by thieves and robbers?

- > The titles
- > Their purpose
- > Their identity

The religious leaders in the immediate context (John 9:34; Matthew 23:1-15)

The thieves and robbers yet to come (1 John 2:18-19; 2 Thes. 2:3-12)

3. Jesus Extends a Great Invitation

A) If anyone enters (John 10:9b)

> Notice that in the first illustration Jesus focuses upon the sovereignty of God (John 10:1-5)

I know MY sheep .. I call MY sheep by name .. MY sheep hear MY voice and follow ME

> Notice in this second illustration that Jesus focuses upon the responsibility of the sheep (John 10:9)

If – a conditional clause

If **anyone** – a very general invitation

If anyone **enters**

B) If anyone enters **by ME** – Jesus is the DOOR

> Anyone who enters by Jesus will be saved (John 14:6; Matthew 7:13-14)

> Those who are saved will go in and out and find pasture (John 10:9d)

Go into the sheepfold for protection

Go out of the sheepfold for provision – food / water

4. Jesus' Purpose in Coming to this Earth

A) I am come that they might have life (John 10:10b)

> Present tense experience (Ephesians 2:1-3)

B) I am come that they might have life more abundant (John 10:10c)

> God's covenant with Israel illustrates the abundant life

Look at the blessings that God had for Israel to enjoy (Leviticus 26:3-13)

Look at the hardships that God would inflict upon Israel if they rejected Him (Leviticus 26:14-17)

> The abundant life is found not only in our freedom from the penalty of sin, but in our freedom from the power of sin