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I Am



- Jesus is not just a **God-like** man, he is in fact the **Son of God**

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

- John records 7 “I am” statements made by Jesus that are **metaphors** which speak to His **redemptive** mission

- I am the **gate** or the **door**

- Jesus **heals** a man who was born **blind**
- The Pharisees **debate** if Jesus is from God or a **sinner**

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

John 9:24-25

- He was **thrown** out of the temple for **believing** in Jesus
- What? Are we **blind** too?

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

John 10:1-5

- There are **two** kinds of sheep pens, the first type is used in **town**
- You have to **enter** the sheep pen by the **gate**
- If you enter the pen by some other way you are a **thief** and a **robber**
- The sheep **know** the shepherd’s voice and will **only** follow him

Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:6-10

- The **second** type of sheep pen is used out in the **country**
- The shepherd would **literally** make himself the **gate**
- We **enter** into salvation through **Jesus**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

- A **thief** comes to steal, kill and destroy
- Jesus wants us to have **life** to the **full**