

I AM THE GATE

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I. INTRODUCTION

John 10:7-10 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. 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.

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John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

II. THE CLAIMS OF JESUS ARE INCLUSIVE.

A. Jesus is the gate for every person.

John 10:8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

- **Where are you putting your attention?**

John 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

B. Jesus is our Protector in Danger

Ezekiel 34:11-12 “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

- **What is the danger that you face?**

C. He is our Savior!

John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

D. Jesus is our Peace in Division

Ezekiel 34:13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **Let Jesus bring you peace.**

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E. Jesus is our Provider in the Desert

Ezekiel 34:14-15 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.