

# The “I AM” sayings of Jesus

JOHN 10 – part 1

*John 10:1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.*

*<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

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**BI:** I AM the “[Door](#)”—your Shepherd, Protector, & way to Abundant Living.

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- I. Jesus contrasts a shepherd with thieves and robbers (10:1-5).
- II. Sometimes people don’t get parables (10:6).
- III. Jesus explained the parable by declaring “I AM the door” (10:7-10).
  - The shepherd as the “[door](#)”
  - Makes the shepherd the [protector](#)
  - Which leads to Safety & Security → [Abundant Life / Living](#)

## Application In Community



**Welcome to Grace:** Are you seeking abundant living? The promise of the “American Dream” is abundant living, but much of our culture is not experiencing abundant life. Why is this so? Perhaps it is because people have their own ideas of what real living is all about, and they are tired of the empty promises and disappointment that surrounds real life. So, they want to break free, feeling trapped, and think, “*If only this or that...then I would feel alive!*” And we believe the temptation of the Deceiver who from the beginning has said, “*Did GOD really say...? GOD is trying to keep you from the truth! Go ahead, taste and see what you have been missing.*” This is demonic, straight from the devil’s tongue, from the one who studies you, and who is playing on your weaknesses to *steal* you away from Jesus, to *kill* your spirit, and to *destroy* your faith or any chance of abundant living.

**Stand up against the lies!** This is the purpose of the Application Qs today.

### Application Q’s:

1. Our culture is filled with a mixture of ideologies that promise to solve your problems and give you joy abundantly. Think of a couple examples and ponder if they gave you the joy you were seeking.
2. Read John 10:1-5 – how are the promises of culture from Q1 similar to the “thieves” & “robbers” of this passage? [i.e., insert people, ideologies, or promises of culture for thieves & robbers in relation to sheep (people) vs. the Shepherd (Jesus) in relation to His own].
3. Read 10:7-10 – Jesus is the door to Abundant Life / Living – what do you think “Abundant Life” is? How does this result in “Abundant Living”?
4. Read again 10:10 – how does the thief [people, ideologies, promises of culture] steal, kill, and destroy abundant life?
5. If the Devil is trying to steal, kill, and destroy you and your family – then what are you doing to stand against this.....in Jesus? (Read again 10:10)

**Close in Prayer.**

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