

I AM

Part Three: *The Door*

March 20th, 2022

This spring, we are examining Jesus' seven "I AM" declarations from John's Gospel to get a better understanding of Jesus and how the Great I AM perfectly meets our needs. Last Sunday, we looked at John 8:12 where Jesus claims to be the Light of the World. Today, we are going to look at John 10:1 where Jesus claims to be the Door.

Our main text this morning is John 10 but...

- **We need to go back to John chapter 9 to understand John chapter 10.**
- **The Pharisees were spiritually blind to who Jesus was.** John 9:13-16

Claiming Jesus is a sinner is clearly going down the wrong path! The Pharisees were supposed to be religious leaders, but were actually false teachers.

- **The Pharisees abused and mistreated the blind man and his family.** John 9:20-34

Now, with that backstory, we begin reading John chapter 10:1-5 where Jesus makes His third declaration....

- **John 10:1-5 contains an allegory or a parable.**

Allegory or parables use a fictitious narrative for the purpose of conveying a moral truth. It's a story with a purpose.

Here are today's keys to sheep farming...

- **The shepherd has a flock of sheep that graze in fields, and he leads his flock into a walled sheepfold for protection at night.** John 10:1-5

This short parable is a scathing indictment in direct response to what just happened in chapter 9.

- **A shepherd is supposed to lead and care for his sheep.**

A flock of sheep recognizes the voice of their shepherd. In Israel's case, they are sheep that do not recognize the Pharisees as their shepherd.

- **Jesus is the Door to salvation.** John 10:6-10

There is no other way to salvation than through Jesus. Acts 4:12. Not through church attendance. Not through the right Bible app reading plan (though it can't hurt!). Not through good grades in school! Not through the right political leader! Not through Congress. There is no other way to salvation than through Jesus, the Door.

- **Because Jesus is the door... He will take us where we otherwise would not go.**

If you feel as though life has lost its meaning. If you sense the call of God on your life today to walk through that Door he's welcomed you into. If you are striving each and every day and feel as though you're getting nowhere, you may have yet to go through the Door.

- **"A rich and satisfying life" with Jesus starts today.**