



## **I Am the Door**

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**Prayer** – Help me understand...

- John 10:6 - *<sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.*

In verse 6, it says that the Pharisees didn't understand Jesus' teaching, so He expanded on what He was saying even further.

Let it be our prayer this morning that God uses His Holy Word to teach us about His grace, love, and authority. Pray that our hearts and minds are able to receive all that He wants to show us!

## **Understanding Shepherding**

Jesus' first two I AM statements (Bread and Light) describe sustenance – here Jesus' statement turns more towards authority.

- He uses the imagery of shepherding to describe His authority

Focus on John 10:4 – *<sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

- The people involved
  - Thieves / Robbers (false teachers – Pharisees)
  - Gatekeeper – hired hand
  - Shepherd – authority - Jesus
- The Shepherd led with his voice
  - Not like a cattle herder – not like wrangling
    - Think of Psalm 23: 1-4 -

*<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

*<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,*

*<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.*

*<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>*

*I will fear no evil,*

*for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

- The rod and the staff – protection and loving guidance

- Matthew 28:18-19 – *<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

## **I AM the Door**

Focus on John 10:9 – *“<sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved”*

Jesus does not only have authority as the shepherd to His sheep, but He is also the giver of life “to the full” (John 10:10)

“There is only one means of receiving eternal life, only one source of knowledge of God, only one fount of spiritual nourishment, only one basis for spiritual security – Jesus alone.” – D. A. Carson

If Jesus is the only way, then will you follow?