

## ***I Am the Gate and the Good Shepherd!***

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***John 10:7***, Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.”

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

***John 10:31***, Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, **32** but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?” **33** “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

### **What We Learn From These Two “I AM’s”**

#### **1. Many Will Try to Lead You ASTRAY**

***John 10:1***, “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... **5** But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

#### **2. We Need to Listen to Jesus’ VOICE**

***John 10:2***, The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** 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. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes on

ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

***John 10:14***, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me... **16** I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

#### **3. Jesus Brings Us Ultimate FULFILLMENT**

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

#### **4. Jesus Truly Cares About YOU**

***John 10:12***, The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13** The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

#### **5. Jesus Is the Gateway to SALVATION**

***John 10:9***, I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved...

***John 10:27***, My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. **30** I and the Father are one.”