



MESSAGE NOTES

I Am the Door

John 10:1-10

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John 10 (ESV) “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. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

1. Jesus as the Door

John 10:9 “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Not any door but the door. Clearly Jesus was saying that He himself is the door. Jesus is calling Himself the “door” or the gateway to salvation, emphasizing that through Him, people can find spiritual safety and nourishment.

2. All other doors to salvation are fakes

John 10:8 “All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.”

Jesus makes it clear that any religious leader who offers salvation other than the teachings of Christ is a “thief” and a “robber.”

3. Abundant Life

Jesus comes to save us from the chains that bind us and to set us free to go to safe pasture. Jesus sets us free from the “thief that comes only to steal and kill and destroy. Jesus gives us “abundant life” life to the full.

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This verse shows Jesus’ mission to give spiritual life and fulfillment beyond the material things. Jesus compares His purpose with those who seek to harm or deceive.