

# THE DOOR

I Am...

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Introduction: In John 10, Jesus gathers his sheep – those who will listen to his voice and follow him. It is the crowd and the Pharisees who must make up their minds. Is Jesus insane, or is he God? The Pharisees claim they can see. But in John 9, it is the blind man who sees and the seeing who are blind. Jesus is using figure of speech to cull the sheep. Who will listen? Who will hear? Who will walk through his door – the gate? Will it be you?

Scripture: John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup> *“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 (John 10:1–10).*

I. The Sheepfold

II. The Thieves

III. The Door/Gate

IV. The Voice

V. The Strangers

VI. The True Shepherd

VII. The Abundant Life