

“I AM The Gate”
John 10:1-10

Jesus says,

1. I AM The Bread of Life. (John 6:35) … Dec. 27&28, 2025.
2. I AM The Light of The World. (John 8:12) … January 31 & Feb.. 1, 2026.
3. **I AM The Gate. (John 10:9) … Today's Message.**
4. I AM The Good Shepherd. (John 10:11) … May 2&3, 2026.
5. I AM The Resurrection and The Life. (John 11:25-26)
6. I AM The Way, The Truth, and The Life. (John 14:6)
7. I AM The Vine. (John 15:5)

John 10:1-10 (CSB)

1 "Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn't enter the sheep pen by the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus gave them this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Jesus said again, "Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. **9 I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.** 10 A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

Jesus, the "I AM"

- God explicitly reveals his name, "I AM," in the Old Testament, Exod 3:13-15.
- Jesus is literally equating himself with God, declaring himself to be God, and plainly stating that the "I AM" in Old Testament times is here with you and speaking to you right now.

A Sheep Pen in First-Century Israel

1. A sheep pen isn't a fancy structure, but a rugged enclosure made of stacked stones, loosely connected.
2. There's one single opening into and out of the sheep pen. This is the gate.
3. A sheep pen is communal, meaning multiple families house their flocks together at night for safety.
4. A gatekeeper is needed to open the gate for the shepherds.

TWO MAIN POINTS ABOUT JESUS AS THE GATE

9 I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. (John 10:9 CSB)

1. **Jesus is the Only Gate to the Sheep Pen.**

    1. There's only one gate by which a shepherd and his sheep enter the sheep pen.
    2. In the same way, there's only one gate to the kingdom of God, to eternal life, and to heaven.
    3. And this gate is none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

    12 But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, 13 who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13 CSB).

    Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6 CSB).

    30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,

the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:30-31 CSB).

1. no Christ, no Christianity; no Christ, no salvation, no forgiveness of sins, and no eternal life.

Practical Pathways Leading to the Gate

- **2026 Outreach Opportunities within Tokyo**
  - Five overseas mission teams partnering with us throughout this year, beginning next month, March.
  - Prayer-walk, evangelize, visit senior citizens' homes, visit the detention center, participate in a homeless ministry, host an English Cafe, and serve with the Kids Table.
  - Brochures are available at the back. Let's GO TBC!

- **Senior Fellowship at TBC,**
  - Date: March 13, Friday, 12pm-2:30pm.
  - Invite your friends.
  - Flyers are available at the back. Sign up now, TBC!

- **Men's Breakfast Fellowship**
  - Date: March 14, Saturday, 9am-11am.
  - For men, single or married.
  - Register now!

- **Good News Class**
  - Date: Every Sunday, 11am-12:30pm, Conference Room.
  - Do you want to know more about Jesus and the Good News?
  - Believers are also welcome to join

- **JOY Café**
  - Date: Every Sunday, after 9am and 11am worship services.
  - A great place for people to know more about the Good News in a personal way.

- **Prayer-walking and Evangelism around TBC-West Tokyo**
  - Date: Every first Sunday of the month, 2pm-3pm.
  - We invite to join this great outreach opportunity.

- **Evangelism Training Workshop (Class 402)**
  - Date: March 1, Sunday, 1pm-4pm.
  - Learn how to share the Good News with non-believers. Sign up now!

2. Jesus Provides Salvation, Security, and Satisfaction for His Sheep.

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2.1 Jesus Provides Salvation.

2. Jesus says, "If **anyone** enters by me, **he will be saved…**"
3. Anyone, regardless of culture, race, language, social or economic status, or religious affiliation, is invited to enter.
4. But you must enter through Jesus.
5. Jesus' first promise is that "he will be saved" – salvation.

2.2 Jesus Provides Security.

1. Jesus says, "If anyone enters by me,...**he will come in and go out**…"
2. Being with Jesus doesn't mean living a problem-free, suffering-free, or danger-free life. While we're still in the world, we will continue to face these various threats and storms. But take heart, we're secured in

Jesus in this life, now, and in the life to come. It’s a 24/7 security!

2.3 Jesus Provides Satisfaction.

- Jesus says, "If anyone enters by me,...**he will find pasture.**"
- Sheep easily get lost without someone guiding them.

  I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10 CSB).

- We can’t find lasting satisfaction in achievements, education, money, sex, status, or travel.
- We can only find it in Jesus, because he’s the only one who can grant what your heart deeply desires, if that desire is in line with God's word.

Conclusion

- Have you entered the sheep pen through the gate, Jesus?
- What are you waiting for to get in?
- Jesus is waiting for you. Enter now!

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