#### I AM THE DOOR

#### **JOHN 10:7**

JOHN 10:1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

#### JOHN 10:2 But <u>he who</u> enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

**JOHN 10:3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

#### JOHN 10:4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM [JESUS], FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE.

JOHN 10:5 Yet they will by no means follow <u>a stranger, but will flee</u> from him [THE] STRANGER, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

#### **JOHN 10:6 Jesus used** this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

JOHN 10:7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

**JOHN 10:8** A who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

## JOHN 10:9 am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

JOHN 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more <u>abundantly.</u>

### "I am the DOOR" is the third of seven "I AM" declarations of Jesus.

These "I am" proclamations point to His unique, divine identity and purpose.

#### 1. OF ALL DOMESTICATED ANIMALS, SHEEP ARE THE MOST HELPLESS.

#### SHEEP HAVE NO "HOMING DEVICE"

#### BY NATURE... SHEEP ARE FOLLOWERS

### 2. SHEEP ARE EASILY SUSCEPTIBLE TO **INJURIES AND ARE** UTTERLY HELPLESS **AGAINST PREDATORS.**

"makes [us] to lie down in green pastures, he leads [us] beside the still waters . . . though [we] walk through the valley . . . [we] will fear no evil. For You [the Shepherd] are with [us]."

### **3. SHEEP ARE** TOTALLY DEPENDENT **UPON THE SHEPHERD** WHO TENDS THEM WITH CARE AND COMPASSION.

## Shepherds were the providers, guides, protectors and constant <u>companions</u> of sheep.

### Shepherds were inseparable from their flocks.

#### 4. THERE WERE **TWO KINDS OF** SHEEPFOLDS OR PENS.

## **ONE KIND WAS A PUBLIC SHEEPFOLD** found in the cities and villages.

# THE SECOND KIND OF SHEEP PEN was in the countryside.

MATTHEW 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but <u>he who does</u> the will of My Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

MATTHEW 7:23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'