



So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, I am the _____ of the _____.” (John 10:7)

We’ve reflected in this series on the nature of doors—what they do and how we use them. Doors close, separate, lock, secure, confine, seal, exclude, and open. So why did Jesus use this “figure of speech” in John 10? This is not the first time he said “I am” in John’s gospel:

- “I am the _____ of life” (6:35, 48-51): Jesus provides spiritual life
- “I am the _____ of the world” (8:12): Jesus illuminates and guides
- “Before _____ was, I _____” (8:56-59): Jesus is God among us

Does that mean Jesus has the right to address someone’s _____ (9:1-5, 16, 24, 34-41)? This is the context of Jesus’s “figure of speech” in John 10:1-6. And to make things even more clear, “Jesus again said to them...” (10:7-10)

Three Important Connections

1. In Old and New Testaments, people are compared to sheep: _____, _____ (Matt 9:35-36), and _____ (1 Pet 2:25).
2. Jesus of Nazareth has _____ (Matt 9:36) to the point of laying down his life for our sins (1 Pet 2:24) and serving as the _____ and Overseer of our souls (1 Pet 2:25; John 10:11-18).
3. Jesus is “the _____, the _____, and the _____” (John 14:6); “the door” (10:9). Without him, we cannot enter, we are not saved, and we will perish. But through him, there is abundant life (10:10); we are his and he is ours (10:14).