

**I am- The Gate**

**A central part of the religious leader's anger toward Jesus was based around his claims to be God.**

**A greater understanding of the whole can keep us from the danger of just plucking verses from the bible and miss applying them to suit our needs.**

***I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10***

**The abundant life that Jesus desires for us is directly tied to obedience and bringing glory to God and not in selfish pursuits that we think will make us happy.**

***“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by 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 the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” John 10:1-5***

***35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:35***

***6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.***

***7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:6-10***

**It is only through Jesus that lost people can approach the Father and find the salvation that only He provides.**

**Jesus did not apologize for who he was and neither should we.**

***The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.***

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
3 he refreshes my soul.**

**He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.**

**4 Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me. Psalm 23**

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**Jesus will call us to do some extraordinary things in our world but they require a great deal of listening for his voice and accompanying faith.**