**7 I AM Statements of Jesus**

**I AM The Door/Gate (John 10:1-10)**

**Recap:**

* **I AM The Bread of Life**
* **I AM The Light of the World**
  + **What Does It Mean**
    - **Jesus Illuminates the Truth**
    - **Jesus Guides Us Through Darkness**
    - **Jesus Brings Life and Hope**
  + **How Should We Respond to the Light?**
    - **Follow Him**
    - **Reflect His Light**
    - **Walk in the Light**
    - **Live as Children of the Light**

**Introduction/Context**

* **John 10:9**
* **Doors Throughout the OT**
  + **1 Door on the Ark**
  + **1 Gate at the Temple to enter the Temple Courtyard**
  + **1 Way to the Holy of Holies**
  + **1 Way to the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden**
* **One Way to God that was the Message.**
* **Two Types of Sheepfolds**
  + **City Sheepfold: Big Community Sheep Pen**
    - **Place where multiple herds of sheep would stay in**
    - **John 10:4-5**
  + **Country Sheepfold:** 
    - **A sheepfold is an enclosure used to protect sheep, often made of stone walls or thorny bushes to keep predators out.**
    - **Usually with a single opening and the shepherd would lie across the entrance of the structure to guard the sheep.**
    - **The Shepherd was the Door.**
* **What is Jesus saying in the Passage of Scripture? In other worlds what does it mean when he says “I AM The Door”**

1. **The Door is Access to Salvation (John 10:9)**
   1. **2 Corinthians 5:18: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.**
   2. **Romans 5:1: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
   3. **John 14:6: Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**
   4. **John 20:12: And she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.**
      1. **Mercy Seat. Lid of the Ark of the Covenant. The Mercy Seat symbolize God’s throne, where He judges men’s conduct, and its name reflects the basic nature of his judgments, which always rest on mercy.**
      2. **Jesus is now the new Mercy Seat.**
2. **Freedom and Abundance in Christ (John 10:10b)**
   1. **Abundance**
      1. **2 Corinthians 9:8: And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**
      2. **Ephesians 3:20: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.**
   2. **Freedom** 
      1. **John 8:32: and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**
      2. **2 Corinthians 3:17: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**
      3. **Galatians 5:1: For the freedom of Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**
3. **The Gate as Protection (John 10:1-2, 10a)**
   1. **The world is full of uncertainties.**
      1. **John 16:33: I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**
      2. **2 Timothy 3:1: But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.**
   2. **Jesus Guards his people.**
4. **Response to the Invitation**
   1. **Have you entered through the Gate?**
   2. **Entering through the “Gate” transforms lives.**
   3. **We should be encouraged to live out the abundant life that Jesus has to offer.**

**Conclusion:**

* **Access**
* **Freedom**
* **Protection**
* **Invitation.**
* **Live as those who have entered the Gate, spreading the message of salvation and hope.**