

Jesus said "I AM"

The words "I am" = an eternal existence of present tense. He has always existed. Everything that matters in life comes from Him; all power comes from Him; He is God Almighty.

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP

John 10:9 Jesus said to the pharisees, "I am the Door of the sheep. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

What was happening that caused Jesus to say this?

- Jesus healed a blind man; 7 or 8 blind men were healed in the New Testament.
- There had never been a healing of a blind person (Old Testament or New Testament).
- The Pharisees did not believe it to be possible, so they banned the healed blind man from the temple & the worship activities, and the any opportunity for faith in God.
- The Pharisees decided who could be a believer; only God can do that.

1. Jesus said in the verse, "I am the _____ into salvation & eternal life.
2. Why do you think Jesus used the word "sheep" here?

Sheep are followers; they need to be led by someone. They cannot protect themselves very well; they will eat without paying attention to where they are going; they get lost; they get trapped or hurt.

AT NIGHT, THE SHEPHERD WOULD FIND ENCLOSURE; HE WOULD SLEEP ACROSS THE OPENING SO THAT NOTHING GOT IN, AND THE SHEEP COULD NOT GET OUT.

3. What do shepherd do? (See Psalm 23)
 - a. He provides for the sheep's _____. (Vs. 1)
 - b. He makes the sheep ______. (Vs. 2)
 - c. He _____ them to the still water. (Vs. 2)
 - d. He _____ their souls (courage & confidence). (Vs. 3)
 - e. He _____ them in the right paths. (Vs. 3)
 - f. When there is fear, he will be _____ them. (Vs. 4)
 - g. With his staff (rod), he will _____ them. (Vs. 4)

The sheep had to pass through the shepherd to get anything.

Psalm 18:2-3 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

4. This verse is referring to God the Father; is He also the "Door"? Yes No

John 14:17-18 For the Spirit of truth shall dwell with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

5. The Holy Spirit is also the "door". He lives with us & in us. Yes No

