

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and bright, golden light rays emanate from the pages, creating a dramatic, ethereal effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The text 'BOOK of JOHN' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The word 'BOOK' is in a bold, all-caps font, 'of' is in a smaller, elegant script font, and 'JOHN' is in a bold, all-caps font.

BOOK *of* JOHN

I AM THE DOOR

JOHN 10:1-10

The third of the “I AM” statements here in John:
“I AM the door of the sheep.”

- It is a message that Jesus Christ alone is able to make atonement for our sins leading to justification.
- *That there is only one way of salvation.*
- But it is also a reminder that there is a future judgment against sin for all who reject Christ as the only door to salvation or the sheepfold of God.

JESUS THE WATERSHED

The Christ is this point in life, and what you do at that point determines where you spend eternity.

- The blind man met the Door, Jesus Christ, and this one moment of faith-filled belief found eternal salvation.
- At the same time and place, seeing the same evidence, the self-righteous Pharisees rejected the Light of the world . . . and sealed their eternal damnation.
- Jesus is both the ***DOOR*** and the ***GOOD SHEPHERD***.

SHEPHERDS AND SHEEPFOLDS

- *Jesus is the sovereign, Good Shepherd who is the Door itself, so only He can open it!*
- Here Jesus distinguishes His own ministry from the false shepherds of Israel. **Jeremiah 23:1-4**
- John chapter ten powerfully declares the fulfillment of the great Messianic prophecy of **Ezekiel 34:23**.
 - **Jesus is the one true Good Shepherd.**
 - **Jesus knows His sheep and they know Him!**

THE DOORKEEPER LEADS AND SEEKS HIS SHEEP

- The sheep follow because they know their shepherd's voice.
- The Bible is full of the stories of sheep hearing the voice of the Lord! **Matthew 9:9, Luke 19-5-6**
- The sheep are safe with their shepherd inside the stone enclosure during the night.
- The Shepherd was the Door—the one and only door—and nobody came in except through Him. **John 14:6**

“I AM” IS THE DOOR

By means of *His death for our sins and His resurrection,*
He literally became the door or gate by which sinful
people can come into the presence of the perfect God.

- He is the *“new and living way.”* **Hebrews 10:20**
- And it is *“through Him we . . . have access . . . to the Father.”* **Ephesians 2:18**
- There is only one door and Christ Himself is that door! **Acts 4:12**

THE WATERSHED OF ALL ETERNITY

The individual who puts his trust in Jesus Christ is made alive spiritually.

It is the kind of life Jesus Christ has.

- It is a contented life, a life of peace with God, knowing all of your sins have been forgiven, and security that you will be with God all your life, even when you die physically.
- Jesus offers this river of abundant life—right now. Where has the raindrop of your life fallen?