

**Jesus' I AM Promises and Teachings  
Advent-Christmas-New Year 2023**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 --- "I AM the Door of the sheep."

I. Review

- I AM statements in John's Gospel at least 7 times
- John clearly states Jesus is fully Creator God in John 1
- I AM = YHWH = LORD God = LORD (Exodus 3)
- Creator Jesus speaks, declares and creates "I AM" Reality for all people. When Jesus says "I AM..." He speaks, declares and creates faith in the listener. (For us!)  
(Remember: "God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light.")
- I AM statements so far:
  - I AM the Bread of Life
  - I AM the Light of the World

II. I AM the Door of the Sheep

- In Jesus' day sheep were kept safe in walled enclosures.
  - Gathered together.
  - Protected from predators - lions, cheetahs, leopards and wolves.
  - The door of the enclosure was the way in and out; and the way to pasture.
  - The person who enters through the door is the proper shepherd.

Jesus is The Door

- There is no human-made door like Jesus. Human doors can wear out and be broken into.
- Human doors protect those within, and open to let people out to live life outside — but not perfectly.
- Jesus perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ against all enemies. Nothing can get past Jesus to the sheep. (If something "bad" happens, Jesus has allowed it.)
- All \_\_\_\_\_ pastors and other leaders in the Church always *go through* Jesus. That is, they don't climb over the walls. They emphasize Jesus and the Life that He gives. (Jesus' teachings and deeds. Jesus' sacraments.)

- Jesus perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ the way to true pasture, that is, true life.

- The life that Jesus opens to is a life that does not \_\_\_\_\_ .

- Jesus does not break down or wear out. We can continue to count on Him to always protect us and open true life to us.

Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15

Nov 22, Thanksgiving Eve, 1 and 7 pm  
"I AM the Bread of Life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

Dec 6, Wed. - Advent Midweek Service 1pm and 7 pm  
"I AM the Light of the World." (John 8:12)

Dec 13, Wed. - Advent Midweek Service 1pm and 7pm  
"I AM the Door of the Sheep." (John 10:7,9)

Dec 20, Wed., Advent Midweek Service 1pm and 7pm  
"I AM the Resurrection and the Life." (John 11:25)

Dec 24, 7 pm Christmas Eve with Children's Participation  
"I AM the Good Shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)

Dec 25, Monday - 10 am Christmas Morning Service with Holy Communion  
"I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)

Dec 31, Sunday - 10 am service – New Year's Eve Day  
"I AM the True Vine." (John 15:1, 5)