The Gate Shepherd

John 10:7-10
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Introduction
- The internet as the "business" highway.
- Website Portals—security measures to keep confidential information private
- Jesus Christ as the "Genuine" Shepherd
    - Illustration of the "communal" sheepfold
    - Jesus Christ, as the genuine shepherd, came through the prescribed door of fulfilled prophecy, was recognized by the doorkeeper, John the Baptist, and was followed by His own sheep.

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A. The Illustration: Afternoon Sheepfold—John 10:7-10
B. The Claim: I am the door!
    1. Jesus is not the first to make such a claim.
        a. Identification of "all who ever came before me"
            1) Not the true spiritual leaders like Moses, David, Isaiah
            2) Included the current religious leaders
                a) Like the false shepherds of Ezekiel 34:2-4
                b) Full of extortion and self-indulgence—Matt. 23:25
            3) Includes the false teachers who came after Jesus too
        b. The "sheep did not hear them"

    2. The Connection between the "Door" and "Abundant Life"
        a. The purposes of a physical door
            1) To keep the "unwanted" out of our homes
            2) To exit from our homes
        b. Jesus, as our door, protects his own! Our Security
            1) Only Jesus saves! Salvation in none other
            2) Jesus is the narrow gate into heaven—Matt. 7:13-14
            3) To be saved is to be given life
                a) Eternal life—John 10:26-28
                b) Abundant life here and now
                      (1) Peace—John 14:27; Phil 4:7
                    (2) Contentment—Phil. 4:11-13
        c. Jesus, as our door, is the gateway to abundant life—10:9
            1) We are FREE to move about the pasture
                a) Not under legalism with rule and regulations
                b) But free in Christ to live under light rules
            2) We find FULFILLMENT in Christ
                a) Jesus Christ as the Psalm 23 shepherd
                b) We have everything that we need in Christ!