

# The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus

## “I Am the Door”

(John 10:7, 9)

- Introduction:
1. Do all roads lead to Heaven?
  2. A 2008 Pew Research Poll showed...
    - a. That 82% of “Mainline Protestant churches” believe there are different paths to Heaven.
    - b. This survey also showed that more than half of Americans believe people with no faith will be saved.
  3. “...If one believes in the idea of God and in salvation, there should be different ways of reaching a level of salvation, enlightenment, whatever you believe in. I find it rather difficult to comprehend the common belief that one religion, one path is the way to salvation. A religious leader shouldn’t preach the exact same “path” or “way to salvation” for all his listeners any more than a doctor should prescribe the exact same medication to all of his patients...separate religions are simply different ways of salvation or enlightenment” (Grace Li).
  4. As we study these seven statements of Jesus, recorded in John, do not allow the exclusivity of his claims escape your attention.
  5. We must not forget Paul’s instruction in Romans 12:3 as we consider the words of Jesus as he weighs in on this question.

### I. Jesus’ Claim: I Am the Door

- A. To understand Jesus’ statement in John 10, we must go back to John 9 because it is a continuous thought.
- B. Jesus heals the blind man (John 9:1-12).
- C. The Pharisees seek proof of his miracle (John 9:13-17).
- D. The Pharisees question his parents (John 9:18-23).
- E. The Pharisees question the man again (John 9:24-33).
- F. The Pharisees cast him out of the synagogue (John 9:34).
- G. Jesus meets the man he healed (John 9:35-41).
- H. Jesus speaks a parable then gives application (John 10:1-21).

### II. Why Jesus’ Claim is True, or Christianity is False

- A. The Veracity of Jesus is in Question (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22).
- B. The Character of God is at Stake (Matthew 26:39).
- C. The Missional Urgency of Christianity is Absurd (Mark 16:15).

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus is our way home.
  2. “I’m homesick for a city to which I have never been before.”
  3. Be bold, courageous, disciples of Jesus, who are lights in a dark world (Romans 12:3).