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A Portrait of Love - Part 5

John 10:7, "So Jesus said to them again, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.'"

This is the third of the "I Am" statements that Jesus makes. He lets all people know that no one can enter the kingdom of heaven by any other way than through Jesus Christ Himself. He uses the picture of the Shepherd who would bring the sheep in to the sheepfold. There He would tend to the sheep's needs and take care of their hurts or injuries. He had told His disciples in verse one: Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

An interesting note from the time period is that they would call the gate or door to the fold, "the way." Many people began to call the followers of Jesus "the way." In fact Acts 9:1-2 tells of Saul, before he was converted to Jesus - Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

And ultimately Jesus makes this bold assertion in John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I Am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. There are many people in this world who think that their philosophy or their religion will suffice to get them to Heaven. But God has spoken through His word over and over again, that there is only one way, and that is through the perfect Lamb of God; Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:11-12 Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

The love of God made sure that we could know that Jesus is the Way. God loved the world so much that He gave Jesus to be the way of salvation.

Dear Father, thank You that Jesus is the way into Your fold. There is no other way. Thank You that You would make such a sacrifice for this lost world. In Jesus Name, Amen