



=I AM SERIES=

**I AM THE DOOR
JOHN 10:9**

INTRODUCTION: Use as an illustration for the lesson this week a house having only one door from the outside. One enters the house through the only door available. However, when he enters the house, there are many other doors within the house. The one door into the house is a picture of salvation. The many doors within the house are pictures of the Christian life and doors through which the Christian can go.

1. JESUS IS THE DOOR TO THE HOUSE. JOHN 10:7,9.

- In other words, He is the only way to salvation. (Teacher, discuss the way of salvation here. Show them the Romans Road.)
- a. **The ark had only one door.** Genesis 6:16. Noah's ark was a type of salvation. It had only one door. Notice that this door was in the side of the ark. The door to Heaven is through the wounded side of Jesus Christ as the spear pierced His side on the cross. Just as there was only one door into the ark, there is only one door into Jesus which is our salvation and security.
- b. **The tabernacle has only one door.** Exodus 26:36. The tabernacle is a type of salvation. There was only one door into the tabernacle, so there is only one door to salvation.

2. JESUS KNOCKS FOR YOU TO OPEN. REVELATION 3:20.

- a. **The door opens from only one side.** Jesus is the door but there is only one side on which there is a knob. The knob is on our side. Jesus knocks at the door, but we must open. (Teacher, you may want to go to a door in the classroom, if there is one. Knock on the outside, but be sure the opening is done on the inside.) Jesus will not break in the door; He will not barge in. He will only knock.
- b. **Jesus wants to come in.** Jesus wants to come in and so He knocks and knocks and knocks and knocks. The verb "knock" is in the linear, which means He continues to knock. He wants to enter into our lives.

3. ANY OTHER WAY WILL NOT GAIN ENTRANCE. JOHN 10:1.

- People who try to enter into Heaven other than by Jesus are thieves and robbers. Such attempts to enter are good works, sacraments, church membership, confession to the priest, confirmation, baptism, communion, etc. None of these will let one enter into Heaven. Only Jesus is the door.

4. ONCE IN, THERE ARE OTHER DOORS.

- a. **There is the door of opportunity.** I Corinthians 16:9. In other words, once we have come in the door and into Christ and into salvation, there are many opportunities. This is one of the doors inside the house.
- b. **The door of soul winning.** II Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3. God gives us open doors to win many folks to Jesus Christ once we are inside of Him.
- c. **The door to victory.** Revelation 3:8.
- d. **The door of faith.** Acts 14:27.

CONCLUSION: Notice again the beautiful illustration of this lesson. There is only one door into the house of salvation. Once in the house, there are many wonderful doors into opportunities of service that God affords us.

MEMORY VERSE: John 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."