

I am the door

John 10:7-8

Door is not something we necessarily think about often, we just know they are there and we use them as we go in and out

When we stop to ponder about the door, we then realise how significant these parts of the structure are.

When Jesus declared he is the door of the sheep, it quite a radical statement. The door of the sheep, not one of the doors.

Metaphor familiar to his audience. They are farmers who understand the use of the gate for the sheep and the needs of the sheep.

Jesus excludes any other possibility of access to God. There is no other way in except through him. Arrogance? Intolerance?

"I am" in itself is already a significant statement. God's referring to himself.

It is a statement of confidence as to what He offers to humanity. There is nothing better you can get beside me. What is it really that Jesus offers in the metaphor of the door?

1-Jesus provide security, assurance of salvation. He knew that He came to give his life for others. He is confident that God sent Him as the way to Him. His life demonstrates that people can trust Him and will not be disappointed.

2-Jesus provides safety , in and out ; protection against danger. Freedom. The door determines the safety of the house. What is allowed in or not. Will Jesus be the door through which we filter things into our lives.

3-Jesus provide sustenance. "Find pasture". In Him we find peace of mind, satisfaction of soul, stability in life.

4-Missional implication: The message of the Gospel will be offensive to today's culture; it is our calling to still proclaim it.

Jesus using a language familiar to his audience to convey His truth; are we careful today to convey the truth of the Gospel in the way that people can engage with it?