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⁵ “But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

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⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.”

John 10:7-8 (NIV 2011)

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“I AM”

- Jesus claims to be Yahweh, the Creator God of the Universe
- We trust him as the one who is more than sufficient to handle any situation

“I am the light of the world”

- Jesus brings light to the world
- We commit to walking in the light
- We don't hide in the dark

“I am the bread of life”

- Jesus satisfies our deepest longings
- We commit to placing Jesus at the highest, most central position in our hearts

“I am the true vine”

- Jesus is the new spiritual community in which we find ultimate belonging
- We commit to the church, the body of Christ, as the community where we find belonging and identity

“I am the resurrection and the life”

- **Jesus claims the power to resurrect us from the dead**
- **We live as people who do not fear death**

“I am the way, the truth, and the life”

- Jesus claims to be the Truth
- We live as people who reject a gray world and embrace his clarity

“I am the good shepherd”

“I am the gate”

- We embrace our identity as sheep
- We embrace Jesus as the constraints that produce life