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THE "I AM" LESSON 8

Jesus used parables from real life to get his point across so the disciples and those listening so they could have better understanding. That is why in John chapter 10 that He used the example of sheep and their shepherd. He used this to relate to them His relationship with them. They [Israel] had been shepherders for two thousand years, dating back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They could understand this parable.

In John 10:11 Jesus said, ***"I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."*** In verse 9 He said, ***"I AM the door [to the sheepfold]."*** I will lead them [the sheep] in and out to find pasture abundantly.

Furthermore, in verse 14 He said, ***"I AM the good shepherd and know my sheep and [I] am known of [by] mine."***

This tells us that just as a shepherd knows every sheep in the flock by name, so does Jesus know each and every one of us by name. He has given His life [vs. 15] for us and has sealed us as His own unto the day of redemption.

There is no other shepherd [no other name] by which we are saved than Jesus.