A large, heavy wooden door with metal hinges and a keyhole, set in a wooden frame. The door is made of vertical wooden planks and has several metal hinges on both sides. A keyhole is visible in the center of the door. The text "Doors of the Bible" is overlaid on the door.

**Doors**  
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The most important message in the world is found in the Bible—it's called the gospel. This gospel, or good news, can be seen in biblical history by walking through a series of monumental doors that all point to the person and work of Jesus Christ.



## The Ark Door

“Go into the ark, you and all your household.” (Genesis 7:1)

The Bible tells us that man had become exceedingly wicked—they thought of evil continually—so God planned to flood the earth and wipe them out. He told Noah to build an Ark with one door. When God shut the door, it pictured his justice and mercy. The wicked world outside of the Ark perished, but those inside were rescued. Even in judgment, God provided mercy. Jesus is the “Ark” and “Door” of salvation. “So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.’” (John 10:7). Just as Noah’s family went through one door to be saved, so must we go through the one Door, Jesus. Those outside of Christ will perish, but those in Christ will be rescued.



## The Passover Door

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“The blood shall be a sign for you,  
on the houses where you are.  
And when I see the blood, I will  
pass over you.” (Exodus 12:13)

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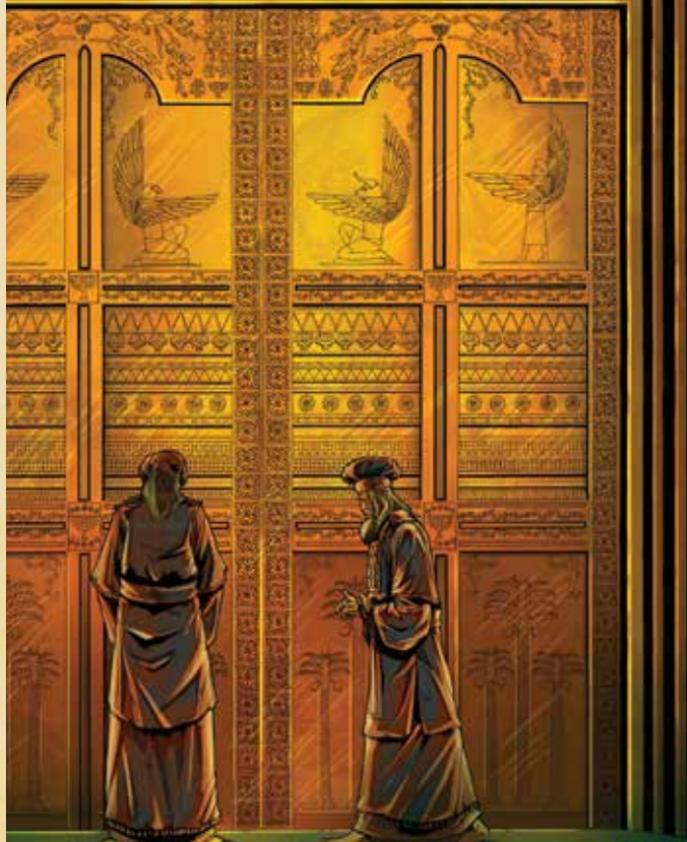
About a thousand years after the Flood, God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. The night before they were set free, the Lord instituted the Passover. The Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb without blemish, and then put some of the lamb’s blood on the frames around their doors. They were then spared from the tenth plague—the destruction of the firstborn, protected from God’s judgment by the blood of a lamb. Today we have a perfect substitute—Jesus Christ, called the Lamb of God. Jesus is our Passover, and his sacrificial death on the Cross takes away the sin of the world.

## The Temple's Inner Doors

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” (Hebrews 10:4)

Nearly 500 years after Moses, King Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem. Two doors were placed at the entrance to the inner sanctuary, the place of God's holy presence. Because sin separates us from God, only the ceremonially clean high priest could enter these doors. This happened only once a year on the holy day of Yom Kippur, as the priest brought the blood of a sacrifice into the Lord's presence to cover the sins of the people.

On this “Day of Atonement,” the Israelites could have their sins temporarily covered through the sacrifice of a goat, and thus receive God's mercy. Though the blood of these animals could never fully take away man's sin, they pointed forward to the most important sacrifice of all. Jesus obtained eternal redemption for us through the sinless “once for all” offering of himself to God as a sacrifice for sin.





## The Sheep's Door

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep. . . . If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture" (John 10:7, 9). In biblical times, shepherds rested in the entryway to the sheepfold. Essentially, a shepherd was the door to keep his sheep safe.

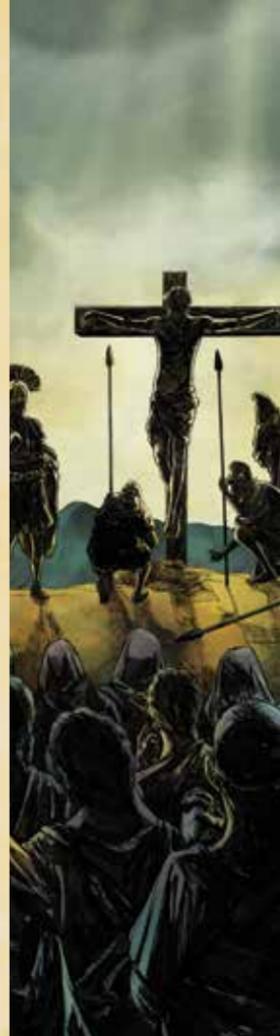
As the good shepherd, Jesus said he would willingly die for the sheep, a reference to his sacrificial death on the Cross—the only means by which a person can be saved. He is able to save those who draw near to God through him.

## The Cross

"For our sake he [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The Lord created a perfect world, and he told Adam that the penalty for sin is death. Not just physical death, but spiritual death, that is, separation from God forever. Sin is lawlessness; it's breaking God's law. Like Adam, we have all rebelled against God and deserve the death penalty.

But God so loved the world that he sent his Son to take our punishment by dying as our substitute on the Cross. We broke God's law, but Jesus paid our fine. Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, so that he might bring us to God.





## The Tomb's Door

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said." (Matthew 28:6)

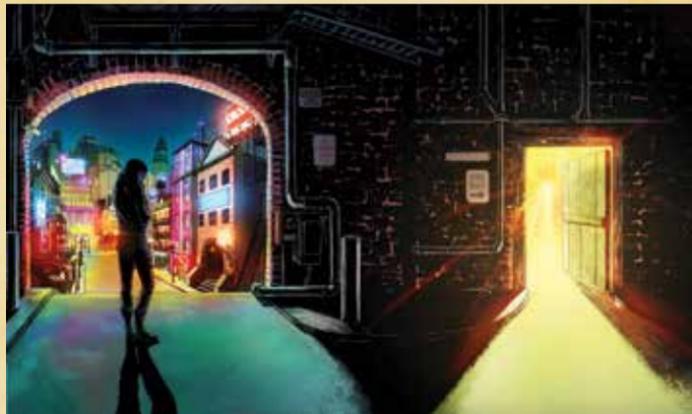
After being crucified, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day just as he promised. On that morning, an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb.

The resurrection confirmed that Jesus Christ was exactly who he claimed to be—the Son of God. This spectacular miracle also demonstrated his power over sin and death, guaranteeing the hope of eternal life to all who repent of their sins and believe in him.

## The Narrow Door

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:13–14)

Jesus Christ will return to this world in judgment, and most people are heading for that judgment on the wide road. The only way to be saved from the eternal consequences of your sin is to enter through the narrow gate, repenting (turning from your sin) and calling on the Son of God who gave his life for you.



# The Door That Leads To Life

What will you do with Jesus Christ? Your answer to that question has eternal consequences.

We are all guilty of sinning against our holy Creator. Because he is holy, God must judge sin. Take an honest look at your life. Have you ever lied, stolen anything, disrespected your parents, or failed to honor God? If so, then you have broken God's law and are a sinner in need of a Savior.

There was one door into the Ark that saved Noah and his family from the Flood. Similarly, there is only one "door" that can save us from eternal judgment. Jesus Christ is that door. The Bible states that now is the day of salvation. If you have not already done so, will you turn from your sins and call on the risen Lord Jesus to save you?

By faith, enter the only door that leads to eternal life today.

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