

English Meeting – 9.30am

Sunday February 27, 2022

The “I Am” statements in John’s Gospel

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John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Eight Signs

- Changing water into wine (*John 2:1-11*)
- Cleansing the temple (*John 2:13-22*)
- Healing the nobleman's son (*John 4:46-54*)
- Healing the paralytic at the pool (*John 5:1-18*)
- Feeding over 5,000 with fish and loaves (*John 6:1-14*)
- Walking on the water (*John 6:15-25*)
- Healing a man born blind (*John 9:1-41*)
- Raising Lazarus from the dead (*John 11:1-46*)

Eight “I AM” statements

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35).

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12).

“Before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58).

“I am the door.” (John 10:9).

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11).

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25).

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6).

“I am the true vine” (John 15:1).

Exodus 3:6-8

6. *"I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.*

*⁷ And the LORD said: "I have surely **seen** the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have **heard** their cry because of their taskmasters, for I **know** their ¹sorrows. ⁸ So I have **come down** to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey,*

Exodus 3:10-11

10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

*11 But Moses said to God, “**Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”*

Isaiah 6:5

*“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man
of unclean lips,*

*And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”*

Exodus 3:12-13

12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

*13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, '**What is His name?**' what shall I say to them?"*

Exodus 3:14-15

*14 And God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel,*

*‘**I AM has sent me to you.**’ ” 15 Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel:*

*‘The **LORD (YHWH)** God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’*

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John 8:31-33

*31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you **abide in My word**, you are My disciples indeed.*

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

*34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin**. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

John 8:37-41

37 “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”

39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”

John 8:42-47

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

*44 **You are of your father the devil**, and the desires of your father **you want to do**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

*45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 **Which of you convicts Me of sin?** And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

John 8:48-50

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. 51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

John 8:52-56

52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’

53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”

*54 Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 Your father **Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.**”*

John 8:57-59

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

*58 Jesus said to them, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**”*

59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.