

### Jesus' "I AM" Statements



MEMORY VERSE: "Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6



#### John 18:1-11 Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested

1. Judas was the disciple that betrayed Jesus. Who and what did he bring with him?  
vv. 1-3
2. When they said they were looking for Jesus the Nazarene, what did Jesus say?  
How did the soldiers and guards react? vv. 4-6 Why do you think they reacted that way?
3. Read verses 8-9. Jesus willingly gave Himself up to protect His disciples. This was the same sacrificial love on the cross when Jesus died for our sins. How does this impact you?



#### John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7-10 I AM Statements 1-3

When Jesus revealed Himself to the Roman soldiers He said, "I am he." This is special because God calls Himself "I AM" to Moses all the way back in Exodus 3. Jesus makes seven other "I AM" statements in the book of John.

4. Read John 6:35. What does Jesus say He is? What does this mean (think spiritual hunger vs. physical hunger)?
5. What does Jesus say He is in John 8:12? Why do we need light? How is Jesus is THE Light of the world?
6. Read John 10:7-10. What does Jesus say He is in verse 7? Why do sheep need a gate on their pen? How does Jesus give us a rich and satisfying life by being our gate?



## John 10:11-15; 15:1,4-5 I AM Statements 4-7

7. Read verse 10:11-15. Who does Jesus say He is in verse 11? Compare the good shepherd with the hired hand - how does Jesus feel about us and treat us?
8. Read John 15:1, 4-5. What does Jesus say He is in verse 1? What do you think Jesus means in these verses? (Think of a fruit tree.)
9. We have to stay connected to God for life and to bear fruit. What kind of fruit is Jesus looking for? Galatians 5:22-23 How does us "bearing fruit" show Jesus to the world?
10. We studied the other two "I AM" statements in previous lessons ("Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life" and Jesus is the resurrection and the life."). All of these examples help us to understand Jesus in a much deeper way. How has your view of Jesus changed based off of who He tells us He is?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus is the bread of life- so we don't ever have to go hungry. Jesus is the light of the world- so we don't have to live in darkness. Jesus is the gate for His sheep - giving us a rich and satisfying life. Jesus is the good shepherd - protecting us and sacrificing His life for us. Jesus is the grapevine - if we remain in Him, we will bear good fruit. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life - if we follow Him, we will lack nothing. Jesus is the life and resurrection - through Him we are saved from our sins and can live eternally with the Father. Jesus is I AM, which means Jesus is God, Lord and Savior. Praise be to God!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, I am overwhelmed with all that You are. Help me to remain in You - to come to You for living water and for light in the darkness. I know you are the gate that I need and a good shepherd. Help me to remain in You so that I may bring you glory and produce fruit for you. I believe that you are the way, the truth, the life, and the resurrection. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



Which of the "I AM" statements impacts you the most and why?

## Various John Verses (NLT)

John 18:1-11: "After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees. 2 Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had often gone there with his disciples. 3 The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.

4 Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them. "Who are you looking for?" he asked.

5 "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.) 6 As Jesus said "I am he," they all drew back and fell to the ground! 7 Once more he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" And again they replied, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8 "I told you that I am he," Jesus said. "And since I am the one you want, let these others go." 9 He did this to fulfill his own statement: "I did not lose a single one of those you have given me."

10 Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave. 11 But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup of suffering the Father has given me?"

John 6:35: "Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 8:12: "Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.""

John 10:7-10: "so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. 9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. 10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

John 10:11-15: ""I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. 12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. 13 The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, 15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep."

John 15:1: ""I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Galatians 5:22-23: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

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