

"I am"

of the Gospel of John

# "I am *He*"

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- This was proclaimed early in Jesus' ministry
  - Said to the woman at the well – Jn. 4:25-30
  - As Jesus taught and proof of His Messiahship increased, the importance of this claim became clear – Jn. 8:24
- This claim did not cease when it meant suffering and death
  - Jesus acknowledged His identity when they came to arrest Him – Jn. 18:3-5
  - Jesus did so that all might believe – Jn. 13:18-19; 8:28

# "I am" - Origin and Destination

- "I am **from**":
  - Jesus said, "I am from **Him**," or the **Father** – Jn. 7:28-30
  - They rejected Jesus because they "knew" where he was from
  - Response: You do not know where I am from because you do not know God!
- "I am **going**"
  - Jesus was "going **away**" and they could not follow – Jn. 8:21-24
  - By God's grace Jesus has made it possible for us to follow – Jn. 13:33, 36
- "**Where** I am"
  - Similar to the "where I am going" statements – Jn. 7:33-34
  - These give hope for the faithful – Jn. 17:24; 14:1-3; 12:26

# "I am" Designations

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- The bread of life – Jn. 6:35, 48-51
  - Jesus offers true nourishment in abundance!
  - Jesus offers living bread that brings eternal life – Jn. 6:38-41
- The light of the world – Jn. 8:12
  - Jesus is the only light that can overcome your spiritual darkness and death
  - Jesus intended, and intends, for His light to shine – Jn. 9:5; 12:46; Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 3:19-21



# "I am" Designations

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- The door for the sheep – Jn. 10:7-10
  - All shepherds who came before were thieves/robbers doing harm – Jer. 23:1-4
  - Salvation and hope are only entered through Jesus – Jn. 10:9-10; 14:6
- The good Shepherd – 10:11-15
  - His goodness is seen in his commitment to the sheep—to know them and give his life for them.
  - Here is a needed example and exhortation to the elders – Acts 20:28-31
  - Nothing greater can be done than to direct all to the good Shepherd—Jesus.

# Conclusion

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- Do you believe Jesus **to be** all these things to you? – Jn. 11:25-25
- For Christ to be your Savior, He must be your king – Mt. 18:37
- What will you do with Jesus?