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Confession –

‘homologeō’ (g) – to assent, that is, acknowledge; to profess

‘logos’ (g) – something said

“give account”

‘homologia’ (g) - acknowledgement, profession

To own, avow or acknowledge; publicly to declare a belief in and adherence to; to own and acknowledge, as true disciples, friends or children; to declare to be true, or to admit or assent to in words;

opposed to deny; to show by the effect; to prove; to attest.

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John 8 : 17

“It is also written...the testimony of two...is true.”

‘marturia’ – evidence given: a report

I Timothy 5 : 17 – 20

“Do not receive an accusations...except from...witnesses.”

Why do you need witnesses?

For a testimony; for a confession of what they saw.

Why two or three?

For accuracy and credibility

Romans 10 : 10

“...with the mouth confession is made...”

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“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” (John 8 : 18)

Who did Jesus say He was, is, and will ever be?

Jesus said – “I AM”

I –

The pronoun of the first person; the word which expresses one's self, or that by which a speaker or writer denotes himself

Am –

to be, to exist, to happen, to be present

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John 6 : 35

“I am the bread of life...”

John 8 : 12

“I am the light of the world...”

John 10 : 9

“I am the door...”

John 10 : 11

“I am the good shepherd...”

John 11 : 25

“I am the resurrection, and the life...”

John 14 : 6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

John 15 : 1, 5

“I am the true vine...I am the vine...”

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John 8 : 48 – 59

“...before Abraham was, I AM.”

What would cause Jesus to say this?

“Who are You?” (25)

“Abraham is our father.” (39)

“we have one Father – God.” (41)

“Are You greater than our father Abraham?” (53)

“Who do You make Yourself out to be?” (53)

“Have You seen Abraham?” (57)

“I Am.”

‘eimi’ - I exist

I, me, not you....have been, existed

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Exodus 3 : 3 – 5, 10 – 15

“I AM WHO I AM...I AM...”

What would cause God to say this?

“Where you stand is holy ground.” (5)

“Who am I?” “I will certainly be with you.” (11-12)

“The people will ask, ‘What is His name?’” (13)

“What shall I say to them?” (13)

“I AM”

‘hayah’ (YHVH) (yahweh)

to exist, that is, be or become, come to pass

“My name is the fact that I exist”

“I will be what I will be”

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Moses asked God – Who are You?

God gave him His name – I AM

The children of Israel asked Jesus – Who are You,
who do You make Yourself out to be?

Jesus gave them His name – I AM

When they said you are not even fifty, have you seen Abraham –
Jesus answered I AM.

I Existed before Abraham

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Jesus said – I AM GOD

God is eternal

Genesis 1 : 1

Jesus is eternal

John 1 : 1 – 3, 14

Revelation 1 : 1, 8

God is Omnipotent (all powerful)

Genesis 1 : 2 – 31 – Creation

Jesus is Omnipotent

Luke 7 : 18 – 23

John 3 : 1 – 2

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Jesus said I AM GOD

God is Omniscient (all knowing)

Psalm 139 : 1 – 6

Jesus is Omniscient

Luke 6 : 6 – 11

Luke 7 : 39 – 40

God is Omnipresent (present everywhere)

Psalm 139 : 7 – 12

Jesus is Omnipresent

John 1 : 43 – 49

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Can you make the same confessions as Jesus?

Jesus was, is, and will ever be:

GOD

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Mat 10 : 32 – 33