

## The Seven I Am's Of John— 06/28/20

**TEXT- John 6:35-36** *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.*

**INTRO – In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven statements beginning with the words I am. Each of these “I am” proclamations furthers our understanding of Jesus’ ministry in the world. They also link Jesus to the Old Testament revelation of God.**

**In the Old Testament, God revealed His name to Moses: “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:14). Thus, in Judaism, “I AM” is unquestionably understood as a name for God. Whenever Jesus made an “I am” statement in which He claimed attributes of deity, He was identifying Himself as God.**

### Here are the seven metaphorical “I am” statements found in John

**John 6:35-36** *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.*

**Joh 6:47-48** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life.*

#### The comparison to the manna in the wilderness

- **Jesus gives food for the soul.**

*“Man shall not live by bread alone”*

**John 6:51** *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

- **It brings salvation to the soul**

It brings nourishment to the soul. If He could feed the 5000 He certainly can meet our needs!

- **It gives hope for the future**

**John 8:12** *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

**John 1:6-9** *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

- **He revealed sin**

**Heb 3:13** *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

- **He revealed truth**

**Rom 10:17** *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- **He revealed life**

**John 20:31** *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

**John 10:7** *Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.*

This “I am” statement stresses that no one can enter the kingdom of heaven by any other means than Christ Himself.

**John 10:1** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

- **Salvation is through Him**
- **There is no other way**

**John 10:11** *I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

- **Protection is through Him**
- **Comfort is through Him Ps. 23**
- **He knows all our needs**

**John 11:25-26** *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? Jesus made this “I am” statement immediately before raising Lazarus from the dead.*

He holds “the keys of death and the grave”

**Rev 1:18** *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

**John 5:29** *And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

**John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

- Jesus is not merely one way among many ways to God;
- He is the only way.

**Psa 119:160** *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*

**Joh 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

**John 1:12-14** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

**Joh 15:1** *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

**Joh 15:5** *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

- **Fruit bearing comes from our relationship with Him**
- **We are powerless without Him**
- **We can bear much fruit**

**CONCL** - We are the branches, and He is the vine. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it is joined in vital union with the vine, only those who are joined to Christ and receive their power from Him produce fruit in the Christian life.