



The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus

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Introduction: One of my favorite things about the gospel of John is the seven great "I AM" statements of Jesus. When Moses met God at the burning bush, how did the Lord reveal Himself to Moses? He called Himself the "I AM" (**Exodus 3:14**). Paul seems to be preaching this theme on Mars Hill (**Acts 17:24**). When Jesus used the words "I AM" (*ego eimi*), He declares Himself Deity. Let's study these statements together...

Discussion:

#1 = "I am the Bread of life" (John 6:35)

#2 = "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12)

#3 = "I am the Gate for the sheep" (John 10:7,9)

#4 = "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11,14)

#5 = "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)

#6 = "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6)

#7 = "I am the True Vine" (John 15:1,5)

Conclusion: Is this where the "I AM" statements conclude? Is there more to the story? Jesus spent several years of His life declaring who He was by His teachings, miracles, and lifestyle choices. Throughout His life we find that people hated Him because of these things. In fact, the religious elite wanted Him killed. When they sent the delegation out to arrest Him, have you ever noticed what happened (**John 18**)? Two times Jesus reinforces that He is the GREAT I AM! How will you respond to the Great I AM? Will you surrender to Him? Will you follow Him?

WORD OF THE DAY = "JESUS"