



**THE 7 "I AM" STATEMENTS
OF JESUS**

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THE BREAD OF LIFE

Week of October 13, 2024

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REVIEW

When Jesus claims, "I AM," He reveals to us just who He is, GOD, but also who He desires to be in our lives. Each statement that follows "I AM" illustrates a different aspect of His love and His desire to interact with us in our everyday struggles and joys. This week we saw that Jesus declared himself The Bread Of Life. We see that through this statement Jesus wants us to know that HE is our Provision and HE is our satisfaction. He is saying, I am the one who will sustain you I am the one who will fulfill you. By claiming to be the bread of of Life Jesus is saying I am the provision and the satisfaction you're really looking for in life. As we look at Jesus as the bread of life, we cannot overlook the symbolism of bread in the context of communion and sacrifice. Just as bread is broken and shared, Jesus offered His body for us on the cross. In this act of ultimate love, He gives us Himself. He paid for the cost of sin and made a way to be in right relationship with God. He really is The Bread Of Life.

MY STORY

1. Share about a time when you heard someone make a big and bold claim about themselves. What did you think about the person when you heard them make the claim? Were they able to back it up? If they did, how did it affect your opinion of the person?

2. In saying, "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus is claiming to not only be divine, but also the only one who can truly satisfy our soul! What are some things besides Christ we hope will satisfy us?

3. What is one of the hardest things for you to understand or believe in the Bible or the Christian faith?

4. How do you deal with things you do not fully understand? Do you wrestle with it or try to ignore it? Do you share your questions or bring them to others? Do you research?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 6

1. What stands out to you about this chapter?

2. How do you process a miracle like the feeding of the 5000? Why did Jesus do this miracle and not always feed everyone everywhere? What was the point or purpose of the feeding?

3. In vs 22-35 we see the people are seeking Jesus wrongly. What are ways that you tend to seek Jesus wrongly? What does it look like to seek Jesus rightly?

4. What do you think Jesus means when he says, "I am the Bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

5. Read John 6:41-42. It was challenging for the people to see Jesus as anything other than a local kid. How does this impact their understanding of his teaching? In what ways do we, with more context and study, understand the metaphors he is using differently than they did?

6. Verses 60-71, Jesus turns away from the crowd and focuses on the disciples. How would you describe their response to His "hard" teaching? Which response best describes your present attitude toward Jesus?

7. Read John 6:53-58. How does this passage impact your understanding and practice of Communion? What other passages can you point to that clarify/inform our understanding of Jesus body and blood offered for our sins?

TAKE IT HOME

1. Where have you been looking for your provision and satisfaction?

2. What would change in your life if you really believed that Jesus is The Bread Of Life, that he is your Provision and your Satisfaction.

3. How can we “feed on Jesus” in our daily lives without trying to just check boxes and earn our way into heaven? What does that look like in your life?

COMMUNION

Take time to celebrate communion together as a group.

- Give each group member bread and juice to eat and drink.
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
- Take some time to eat the bread, then drink the juice. As you do this, remember the fact that Jesus is the bread of life and remember the sacrifice Jesus made so that you could have freedom from sin and death.
- Take a moment around your group to share what Jesus means to each person.

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)

PRAYER

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Week of October 20, 2024

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This week, we focused on Jesus' statement, "I AM the Light of the World" (John 8:12). Jesus made this claim during a critical moment after the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jewish people celebrated God's provision of light in the wilderness. By declaring Himself the Light, Jesus was claiming to fulfill God's promise to send a Messiah to bring light into the darkness of the world.

MY STORY

1. Have you ever felt like you were walking in darkness, either spiritually or emotionally? How did that affect you?

2. How has Jesus been a light in your life? Can you share a time when His presence brought clarity, hope, or healing?

3. How has following Jesus changed the way you see yourself and others? How does His light guide your daily decisions?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Light and Sin:** Jesus' light exposes our sins and leads to transformation. How does being aware of your sin change your relationship with God? How does it move you toward repentance and growth?

2. **Grace vs. Condemnation:** Read John 8:1-11, the story of the woman caught in adultery. How does Jesus' response to her contrast with the reaction of the Pharisees? What does this teach us about grace and judgment?

3. **Overcoming Darkness:** John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." What does this mean for your struggles with sin or difficult situations? How does the presence of Jesus' light give you hope?

4. **Light in the World:** Jesus declared Himself the Light of the World, but He also calls His followers to be lights (Matthew 5:14). How can you reflect Jesus' light in your family, workplace, or community? What practical steps can you take this week to shine His light?

5. **Immediate Transformation:** When Jesus told the woman, "Go now and leave your life of sin," He called for an immediate response. What sins or habits in your life need an immediate change? How can you begin to walk in the light today?

6. **Personalizing the Light:** Jesus is not just the Light of the world—He is the Light of *your* world. How does this personal relationship with Jesus affect your faith? How can you invite His light into specific areas of your life where you need healing or guidance?

TAKE IT HOME

1. **Reflect on Darkness:** Spend time this week identifying areas of your life where you feel trapped in darkness—whether it's sin, fear, shame, or struggles. Ask Jesus to shine His light into those areas.

2. **Walk in the Light:** Commit to a daily practice of walking in the light by reading Scripture, praying, and inviting Jesus to guide your steps. Consider how you can reflect His light to others.

3. **Offer Grace:** Like Jesus offered grace to the woman caught in adultery, who can you extend grace to this week? How can you avoid judgment and instead offer love and understanding?

PRAYER

THE DOOR

Week of October 27, 2024

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REVIEW

This week we look at Jesus' description of himself as "The Door". With Jesus using this imagery we can learn that:

1. Jesus (The Door) is our only way to Salvation.
2. Jesus (The Door) is our way to Security and Protection
3. Jesus (The Door) is our way to Freedom and Fulfillment.

The same Jesus who said Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you is the same one that said "I am the door, if anyone enters through me, they will be saved." He is the one who said, "No one come to the Father except through me." Jesus is not one way among many, he is not just a good option for life, He is life. If you put your trust in Jesus, the door to freedom, you can experience freedom from guilt of your past, shame for your failures, fear of the unknown and you can experience rest for your soul and joy in knowing you are seen and you are loved by Jesus-the one who saves, brings security and protection, and also brings freedom and fulfillment.

MY STORY

1. Think about someone who has been a guide or helper for you in your life. What did that person do or say that helped you or provided guidance when you needed it?

2. In our world, there are many doors that claim to provide life. But Jesus tells us HE is the ONE and ONLY Door that can provide life. Are there any doors that you have walked through that you thought would lead to life but ultimately led to death?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 10:1-21

1. **John 10:7-9** - What do you think it means to enter through Jesus, the door? How does this impact your understanding of salvation?

2. **John 10:7-8** - In what ways do the sheep recognize the voice of the Shepherd, and how does this relate to us as followers of Christ?

3. **John 14:6** - How does Jesus being the door relate to His statement that He is “the way, the truth, and the life”?

4. **Hebrews 10:19-22** - How does entering the Most Holy Place through Jesus as the Door affect your relationship with God and your understanding of worship?

5. **Matthew 7:7-8** - How does the concept of asking, seeking, and knocking relate to entering through Jesus as the door?

6. **Revelation 3:20** - What does it signify that Jesus stands at the door and knocks? How can we respond to His invitation?

TAKE IT HOME

1. In which area(s) of your life is it difficult for you to trust Jesus as the Good Shepherd? How can you strive to trust that He knows best, and to follow His voice/ His leading?

2. Jesus says, his sheep know His voice. Who or what has the biggest influence in your life, Jesus who is Lord and came to give abundant life? Or Is His voice drowned out by the noise (news, culture, entertainment, politics, etc) of this world?

3. What things could help you personally to know, listen and obey Jesus voice more?

PRAYER

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved..."

John 10:9

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Week of November 3, 2024

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REVIEW

In this week's I AM series, Pastor Michael highlights Jesus as the Good Shepherd who knows, leads, protects, and sacrifices for His Sheep. The imagery shows our need for care beyond what we can do for ourselves. Unlike hired hands who abandon the sheep, Jesus' sacrificial leadership reflects unconditional love, guiding believers through challenges and calling them to trust and follow Him. Through this we can recognize our need for His guidance, tune into his voice, and commit to following Him faithfully.

MY STORY

1. This week humanity was compared to sheep, if you could be any animal in the animal kingdom, what would it be, and why?

2. Can you think of a time when following someone's lead brought you unexpected peace or safety?

3. Have you ever experienced a moment when you clearly heard God's voice or felt His leading? What was that like?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 10:11-26

1. What qualities define Jesus as the Good Shepherd in this passage?

2. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "Good Shepherd"?

3. Why do you think Jesus referred to His followers as sheep in His teachings?

4. What does it mean when Jesus says, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me"?

5. Jesus being The Good Shepherd implies that there are Bad Shepherds. What makes a Shepherd good or bad?

Read Psalms 139-1-18

6. What part of Psalms 139 sticks out to you the most?

7. How does it feel knowing that God knows you very intimately and still loves you very deeply?

TAKE IT HOME

1. What are some ways you can know Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

2. How can we act as good shepherds within our own church community, reflecting Christ's love and care?

3. What are some ways you can tune out the noise around us to hear God's voice more clearly?

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,"

Psalms 23: 1-2

PRAYER

RESURRECTION & LIFE

Week of November 10, 2024

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REVIEW

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die."
John 11:25-26 Jesus made this statement during a powerful moment in John 11, as He prepared to raise Lazarus from the dead. His words affirm that He holds authority over life and death and offers a deeper hope that transcends physical life.

MY STORY

1. Facing Loss: Reflect on a time when you experienced loss or grief. How did it impact your relationship with God?

2. Jesus' Presence in Grief: When have you felt Jesus' presence in moments of deep sorrow or hardship? Did His presence change your outlook?

3. Resurrected Hope: Share an instance where Jesus' presence brought renewed hope or healing. How did it affect your faith and perspective on life?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Jesus is Present: Read John 11:1-6. Jesus delays His arrival when He hears of Lazarus' illness. Why might He have done this? How does this challenge our understanding of God's timing?

2. How do you handle times when God's response doesn't meet your expectations? How can trusting His timing grow your faith?

3. Jesus Cares Deeply: In John 11:32-35, Jesus weeps alongside Mary and Martha. What does Jesus' empathy reveal about His character?

4. How does knowing that Jesus grieves with us change how we view suffering? Where do you need to invite His empathy into your life?

5. Jesus Has Authority Over Death: Read John 11:38-44, where Jesus commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb. This moment demonstrates Jesus' power over death. What areas of your life feel "dead" or hopeless? How can you trust Jesus to bring life and renewal to these places?

6. Faith in Action: Jesus challenges Martha to believe even in the face of death (John 11:40). How does this challenge speak to us today?

7. In what areas of your life is Jesus asking you to believe in His power? How can you practice this trust daily?

TAKE IT HOME

1. Reflect on Grief and Loss: Identify areas where you feel despair or loss. Spend time bringing these to Jesus, asking Him to reveal His life-giving power.

2. Trusting God's Timing: Reflect on situations where God's response seemed delayed. Write down any lessons learned and how to remind yourself of His faithfulness in future waiting seasons.

3. Living in Resurrection Power: Pray daily for Jesus to breathe new life into places of doubt, fear, or loss in your life. Consider sharing your faith in these areas as a testimony to His resurrection power.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die."

John 11:25-26

PRAYER

THE WAY, TRUTH & LIFE

Week of November 17, 2024



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REVIEW

This week we looked at the I AM statement from John 14:6. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We see that Jesus declares himself the WAY - He is the only way to God. Jesus declares himself the TURTH - He embodies truth everything about him is true, he is the foundation of all truth. And Jesus declares himself the LIFE - He has come to being us Life for today and eternal life to come.

MY STORY

1. What stood out to you about this weeks message?

2. In what areas of your life do you seek guidance, and how do you find it?

3. What does the phrase "the way" mean to you personally? Can you share a time when you felt you were on the right path?

4. How has your understanding of truth changed or evolved over time? Can you share an example?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What does it mean for Jesus to say, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1)? How can this apply to our lives today?

2. In what ways does Jesus offer comfort to His disciples in this passage? Can you identify a time when you felt comfort from God's presence?

3. What imagery does Jesus use when He speaks of His Father's house having many rooms (John 14:2)? How does this shape our understanding of heaven?

4. How does the promise of Jesus returning to take believers to be with Him (John 14:3) influence your perspective on life and eternity?

5. How does Jesus' response in John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life" speak to the uniqueness of His role in salvation?

6. What implications does it have for believers that Jesus states "no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6)? How does this challenge or reaffirm your beliefs?

7. Why do you think people today struggle with understanding Jesus as "the only way"? What conversations have you had around this topic?

TAKE IT HOME

1. What do you think it means to have Jesus as the "life" in your daily living? How does this impact your choices?

2. If you had to describe your faith journey in terms of 'way,' 'truth,' and 'life,' how would you summarize it?

3. What do you feel God has spoken to you through this message and passage?

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.."

John 14:6

PRAYER

THE TRUE VINE

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REVIEW

In our final sermon in our series, I AM. In this message we reflects on Jesus' declaration in John 15 "I am the true vine," emphasizing His role as the source of spiritual life and sustenance for believers. By staying rooted in Jesus through prayer, obedience, and faith, believers can experience growth, joy, and a life that glorifies God.

MY STORY

1. If you could be any plant, tree or flower, what would it be and why?

2. Share a time when you were being disciplined. How was it and what was the outcome?

3. What would have been if you weren't disciplined in that situation?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 15:1-17, Galatians 5:16-26

1. What stands out to you about these portions of scripture?

2. What comes to mind when you hear the word prune and why is pruning so important?

3. What about the pruning process that makes it uncomfortable?

4. What are some ways we can recognize when we are in the pruning process?

5. Jesus uses the word 'remain' 8 times in these verses. Why do you think He puts a huge emphasis on this?

6. Can we really do nothing apart from Jesus? If not, what was Jesus referring to when he said "Apart from me you can do nothing?"

7. From the reading in Galatians, what are some of the fruits that needs more producing in your life?

TAKE IT HOME

1. With how difficult pruning can be, how can we walk alongside someone in their pruning process or ask someone to walk alongside us?

2. Since remaining is so important, how can we cultivate a lifestyle of remaining in Christ?

3. What areas of life do you feel God speaking to you about that need pruning?

"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."

John 15:5

PRAYER