

Who Am I?

Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week Eight

Day Five

NOW WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Understanding the Great I AM

“I tell you the truth,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I am!’”

(John 8:58)

When Jesus spoke to His disciples and when He spoke to the Jewish leaders He made many references of who He was. It is so easy for us to look back and say, “Why didn’t they get it? Why didn’t they understand?” but hindsight is always much clearer than the present and most definitely the future. Jesus pointed out many times that He and the Father were one... that He was sent by the Father and that He would be returning to the Father, but it wasn’t until the Holy Spirit opened their eyes and unlocked the mystery to Jesus’ words that it could be understood. Upon the conclusion of this seven week study, I ask you, “Now who do you say Jesus is?” I have asked the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and unlock the mysteries of who Jesus is and to give you a clarity of understanding of what living for Him means. When my eyes were opened I gained much understanding. I know I still have a long way to go, but through that understanding, my relationship with Him has grown in ways I never knew possible. I can say it is my greatest desire to live a life of integrity in Him.



Unlocking the Mystery

This lesson will bring you to the final conclusion that Jesus and God are one; they were here from the beginning and will be here until the very end while remaining with us every step of the way.

I AM



Understanding the Word

DIGGING DEEPER: Exodus 3:1-15; John 8:48-59; 10:22-42

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:14-15

V. 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ' _____ has sent me to you.'"

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: John 8:58; 10:30

V. 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, _____!"

V. 30 " _____ and the _____ are _____."

Have you ever thought that it is ridiculous that people are okay to proclaim, "I believe in God!" Yet, they reject the part of Him that walked this earth and offered Himself up for us so that we could be saved? God is all sovereign and all powerful; He is our Father in heaven. He clothed Himself in flesh to walk this earth and be a sacrifice for us as the person Jesus. To top it all off, since Jesus had to return back to the Father in heaven to prepare our place and the army yet to come, He gave the Holy Spirit, the part of Him that can live in us, to remain with us forever. God is so good.

Seeing Jesus as the great "I Am" I would like for you to venture through seven passages to see how Jesus applied that name to Himself. Remember to read the surrounding passages, as well, to get full context of the Scripture and His name. You will then understand what it means to you.

REFERENCE	STATEMENT	WHAT IT MEANS TO ME
John 6:35	I AM the	
John 8:12	I AM the	
John 10:7	I AM the	
John10:11	I AM the	
John 11:25	I AM the	
John 14:6	I AM the	
John 15:1	I AM the	

**ETERNAL GOD
FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END**

DIGGING DEEPER: Genesis 21:22-34; Revelation 1:4-8

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Genesis 21:33

V. 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD,
_____.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Revelation 1:8

V. 8 “I am the _____ and the _____,” says the Lord God, “who _____, and who _____, and who _____, the Almighty.”

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

DIGGING DEEPER: Exodus 3:11-12; Ezekiel 48:30-35; Matthew 1:18-24

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:12

V. 12 And God said, “I will be _____, and this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you:...”

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 48:35

V. 35 “... And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE _____”

V. 23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him _____:
which means, “_____.”

Hebrew name of God:

Yahweh -I AM that I AM

- Present and active: Expresses His faithful love and care and His desire to redeem His people and live in fellowship with them.
- Fundamental promise of God’s Covenant: “to be your God” The name by which He would be remembered from generation to generation.
- The Sacred personal name of Israel’s God...Fear of profaning covenant name of God...Four Hebrew consonants: YHWH (JHVH in German) no vowels: Middle Ages pronounced JHVH as Jehovah.... The KJV kept the term... Association with Adonai=Lord; The written word substitutes LORD for His name; Insertion of the Adonai vowels in to the 4 consonants=YaHoWaH.
- Always present and always near intervening on behalf of His people.
- God’s people could not invoke His name without remembering what it was like to walk with Him.

Hebrew name of God:

El Olam -Everlasting or Eternal God

- No beginning and no end: the God for whom a day is like 1,000 years and 1,000 years is as a day.
- Eternal, everlasting, forever, ancient refers to the fullness of the experience of time and space.

Hebrew name of God:

Yahweh Shammah - The LORD is There

- Name of a city associated with God’s presence and power that has often been equaled with the name Immanuel
- Reminds us that we were created both to enjoy and to manifest God’s presence.
- God’s presence is always around...Do we engage to be in it... Sin came in to separate us from God’s presence...

Greek name of Jesus:

Immanuel – God with us

- Most comforting of all the names of Jesus... “With us is God”
- When our sins made it impossible for us to come to Him, God took the outrageous step of coming to us...as Jesus
- If the Lord is with us, what do we have to fear, what do we lack, how can we lose?
- The same Lord who walked on water, healed the sick, and rose from the dead is saving us, watching over us, and guiding our steps
- If we want to experience Immanuel, we need to be where He is, to do what His love compels, to reflect His image to the rest of the world.
- To experience God with us... Be “God with” to other people ie, comfort, compassion, love

Greek name of Jesus:

Alpha Kai Omega – The Beginning and the End

- The One who is, who was, and who is to come. He is our all-efficient Lord, who will not fail to complete the good work He has begun.
- Showing deity; God claims first and last in Isaiah 44:6 and 48:12.

Greek name of Jesus:

Ego Eimi – I AM

- In Jesus we have the richest, most vivid picture of God imaginable; He bends toward us, sharing our weakness and shouldering our burdens.
- Jesus, whose name means “Yahweh is Salvation” is the great I AM- the one who is always present with us whether or not we recognize Him.

Now who do you say that He is? The name of Jesus is power and the attributes of Christ determine His name. Maybe a more relevant question would be, “How do you know Jesus?” This is a profound question that will take a lifetime to answer because everytime you have an experience in your life and you recognize Jesus with you in that experience, you recognize an attribute that He defines. Have you known Him as a Savior? A Comforter? A Provider? A Healer? The list goes on and on. Each attribute carries a different name of Jesus and He reveals Himself to you through the attributes to give you power to overcome. Every testimony you give will reveal who Jesus is.

We have been together for eight weeks. The study is complete but by no means have I been able to give you a complete explanation of who Jesus is. It is my heart’s desire to use what He has taught me as a conduit of the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to Jesus Christ.



If you started this lesson from the place that you recognize that He could be God and He is a pretty good guy, then I urge you to open your heart to Him and recognize Him as your Lord and Savior. **A**cknowledge before Him that you are a sinner; **B**elieve in Him for the forgiveness of sin, and **C**onfess Him as your personal Lord and Savior.

If you have already been born again... you have prayed a prayer of forgiveness of sin or of acceptance of the cross, but you have not experienced freedom and power then I urge you to seek Him without compromise and surrender your will and your expectations to His. I urge you to get serious about Bible study and start seeing your life and your world through His eyes revealed through Scripture.

If you are already fully surrendered to Him and have experienced the power from on High, then I urge you to stay faithful to the very end. Walk close with Christ everyday; worship, pray, and study to strengthen your relationship with Him and witness to anyone that will listen.

Through writing this study, I have poured out much of myself as I have experienced many trials that God has taken me through. I hope you have discerned my heart and passion through the lessons. I know I may never meet you face to face as we travel this life, but I look forward to meeting you one day in our eternal home. Live with the INTEGRITY of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, and I promise He will unlock all the MYSTERIES of Christ as you grow in Him until the final lock is opened and you are standing with Him in Heaven as He holds the key.

In Christ,

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