

7 “I Am” sayings of Jesus”

1. “I am the the bread of life...” - John 6
2. “I am the light of the world...” - John 8 & 9
3. “I am the door...” - John 10
4. “I am the good shepherd...” - John 10
5. “I am the resurrection and the life...” - John 11
6. “I am the way, truth, and life...” - John 14
7. “I am the true vine...” - John 15

Who is Jesus? - bread to feed upon, the light to follow, the door to enter, the shepherd to guide, the resurrection to wait upon, the way to live, the vine to abide within.

Last Week:

- Jesus is the bread of life - He supplies all we need
- Jesus is the light of the world - He shows us the work of God in the world
- Jesus is the door - He keeps us safe and secure
- Jesus is the good shepherd - He protects and fights for us
- Jesus is the resurrection and the life - He is our eternal hope
- Jesus is the way, truth, & life - He is the only way to heaven

I Am the Way, Truth, & Life

[1] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. [4] And you know the way to where I am going.” [5] Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” [6] Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7] If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

[8] Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” [9] Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11] Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

[12] “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. [13] Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

(John 14:1-14)

1. Jesus Prepares the Way (v. 1-4)

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- Prepares the way - death, burial, and resurrection
- Talking about heaven
- Eternal life is with Jesus
- Jesus tells his disciples, "there is room in heaven for you"

2. Jesus Is... (v. 5-7)

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- **Way** - Reconciliation
- **Truth** - Illumination
- **Life** - Regeneration
- **knowing Jesus** = knowing God
- have a relationship with God through Jesus only

3. Jesus Shows us the Father (v. 8-11)

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- seeing Jesus is seeing God (repetition on purpose)
- Jesus speaks the words of God to his followers
- Jesus' call for faith of the disciples based on his words & actions (healing blind, raising dead)

4. Jesus Shows How to Relate to Father (v. 12-14)

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- Jesus again calls for the disciples to have faith in him (repetition again)
- "Greater works" because they are based in faith absent physical presence of Jesus
 - Jesus' 3.5 yr. ministry is limited to Palestine, in Acts and beyond His disciples spread the gospel exponentially in geography and number
- "In Jesus Name" not magic words like "abra kadabra"
 - Represents faith by asking in faith in Jesus
 - Culturally in someones name represented the persons character, spirit, and power
- Jesus can and does respond to the faith of His followers

How to Follow the Way to Life

1. **Believe in Jesus** - There is a place in heaven for you
2. **Jesus is the only way**
 - The gospel is exclusive - it knows nothing of universalism
3. **Act and Pray to glorify the Father**
 - Act - “greater things” reach who you are close to, it is no mistake you are where you are
 - Pray - Jesus answers prayer to glorify the father, our prayers should be toward that end

Discussion Questions

- In the scripture that we read, Jesus opens with “let not your hearts be troubled” what are some things that could have caused the disciples hearts to be troubled?
- What does Jesus say that could bring the disciples comfort?
- In your own words, how does Jesus prepare the way to heaven?
- Jesus said he is the way, truth, and life, in your own words how is He the Way?
 - How is He the Truth?
 - How is He the Life?
- Jesus said “*If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.*” why is this statement significant?
- Jesus called his disciples to believe in Him because of what He has said and what He has done, what are some things they have heard Jesus say?
 - What have they seen Jesus do?
 - How would those things cause them believe in Him
- Thinking about your own life, what are some ways you have seen God at work. How did/does that affect your faith in Him?
- In the scripture we read Jesus tells the disciple to believe in Him three times, why do you think He does this repetition?
- Jesus said His followers would do greater works than He did, what are these works and how are they greater than what Jesus did?
- In your words what is the significance of asking God for something in Jesus name?
 - Why should this be an important part of our prayer life?