

"Responding to the Great I AM" (John 21:24-25)

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW:

John 8:58 "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

John 6:35 "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."

John 8:12 "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 10:7, 9 "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep....I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

John 11:25 ""I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies..."

John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me..."

John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit..."

CHALLENGE #1: REVIEW THE SERIES

The Colophon of the Gospel of John (John 21:24-25)

A colophon is an inscription that gives the information as to how the book was produced.

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CHALLENGE #2: READ THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Purpose #1. These words were written to speak to all people.

Purpose #2. These words were written to silence false teachers.

Purpose #3. These words were written to stimulate our love for Jesus Christ.

Purpose #4. These words were written as an example of so much more.

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CHALLENGE #3. RESPOND TO THE INVITATION

The Altar Call of the Gospel of John

John 20:30-31 "Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that BELIEVING you may have life in His name."

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the Seven Great "I AM" statements of the Gospel of John most ministers to you and why?

- "I AM the bread of life" (John 6:35)
- "I AM the light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:5)
- "I AM the door of the sheep" (John 10:7,9)
- "I AM the good shepherd" (John 10:11)
- "I AM the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)
- "I AM the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6)
- "I AM the true vine" (John 15:1)
- 2. Tell the brief story of "walking the sawdust trail." Where were you when you trusted in Christ alone for your salvation?
- 3. What is your next step?
 - a. Review the "Great I AM" series (e.g. Read through the outlines at www.campusbiblechurch.com)
 - b. Read the Gospel of John all the way through.
 - c. Respond by trusting in Christ for the first time as your Savior and Lord.
 - d. Respond by growing in your trust of Christ? What specifically will you do?