

Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?

Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What

How can a man

**I AM.**

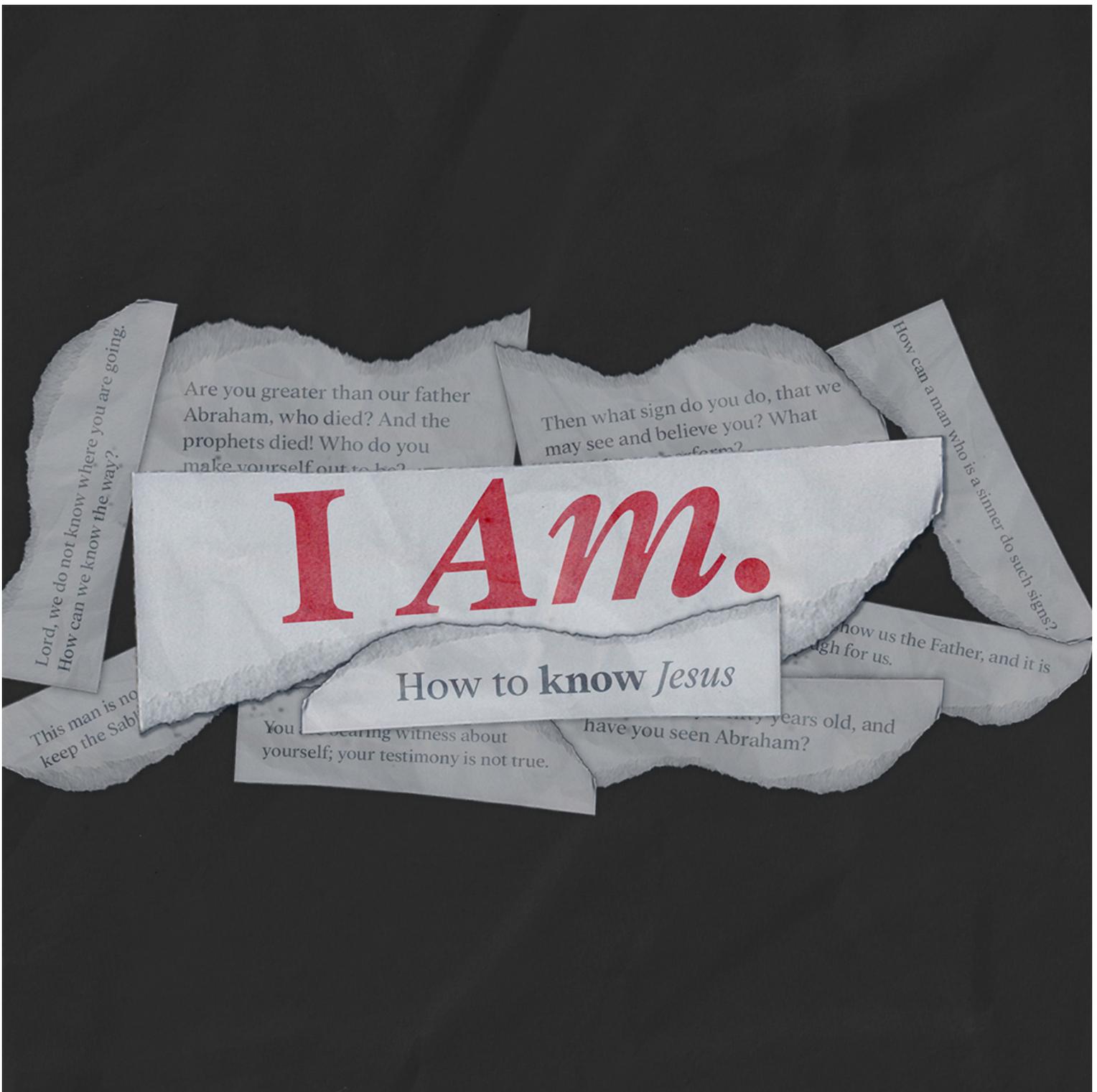
How to know *Jesus*

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ugh for us.

You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.

... years old, and have you seen Abraham?





## SESSION I

### ***READ***

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Take some time in advance to read and consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

### ***WATCH***

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Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

### ***DISCUSS***

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We hope those who participate in the study walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of amazing discussion.

# I AM.

## How to know Jesus

### SESSION I

### FROM THE BEGINNING

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Have you ever been out in an electrical storm when the lightning was just overhead, every flash illuminating the whole sky?

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Here Jesus is making various claims about himself, and each is one lightning flash after another, increasing in intensity.

## WATCH SESSION I

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## INTRODUCTION

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What are some key points that stuck out to you in the video?

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## READ

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**Read John 8:53-59**

What is the first question that is asked of Jesus in this passage?

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Jesus starts by answering a question from the Jews; do you think you're greater than Abraham and the prophets? Who do you think you are??

How does Jesus answer this question?

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Jesus answered that he was not out to glorify Himself; his father in heaven would do that. Jesus made the point again that He does not glorify Himself, for if He did, it would be worthless. It is His Father that glorifies Him.

What are some ways that the Son is glorified by the Father?

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He enables the Son to perform miracles. He causes the Son's virtues to stand out in connection with His suffering and rewards Him for it. He spoke to the Son and publically affirmed Him.

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## How to know Jesus

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### FROM THE BEGINNING

What is Jesus' accusation against the Jews in v. 55?

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Jesus is clear that His Father is the one they call "their God," but their claim to have Him as their father is false, for they do not even know Him. They should have known, but they did not.

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### Read Hebrews 1:1-3

What does this passage tell us about Jesus' connection with the Father?

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Jesus, by contrast, did know God. Not just through the Law and Prophets and personal experience of life, but through His intimate relationship with the Father and Son from eternity past. He saw and heard the Father directly. It was that knowledge that He was seeking to reveal to them.

How can knowing this truth push us to know God in a personal way?

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Why is it so significant that Jesus claims His divinity here?

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When Jesus said that he existed before Abraham was born, he undeniably proclaimed his divinity. Not only did Jesus say that he existed before Abraham, but he also applied God's holy name to himself. No other religious figure in all of history has made such claims. Either Jesus was God, or he was a madman. His claim to deity demands a response it cannot be ignored.

