

***Jesus is I AM!
I AM the Good Shepherd
John 10:10-17***

We are living in some crazy times!...

Winter Storm...

This week's winter storm left hundreds of thousands of people without power...

Water shortages continue...

COVID-19

In the United States...

27,924,063 reported and confirmed cases...

495,066 COVID related deaths...

In Mississippi...

290,242 reported and confirmed cases...

6,553 COVID related deaths...

Worldwide...

108,033,514 reported and confirmed cases...

2,394,453 related deaths...

We are beginning a series this morning titled, ***"He is ... I AM."***

In the gospel of John, Jesus makes **SEVEN** "I AM" statements about himself.

2/7 – Introduction – Jesus is I AM (God)

→ Protection ←

2/14 – John 10:7-10 – I AM the Door

2/21 – John 10:14 – I AM the Good Shepherd

→ Connection ←

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3/7 – John 11:25 – I AM the Resurrection and Life

3/14 – John 15:5 – I AM the Vine

→ Direction ←

3/21 – John 8:12 – I AM the Light of the World

3/28 – John 14:6 – I AM the Way, Truth and Life

4/4 – Easter Sunday! – Raised to Life!

What does Jesus mean when he uses the words, "I AM"?

John 8:58 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

What did he mean?

In Genesis 1:1 the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

"God" in this verse is the name "Elohim".

This is the UNIVERSAL name of God.

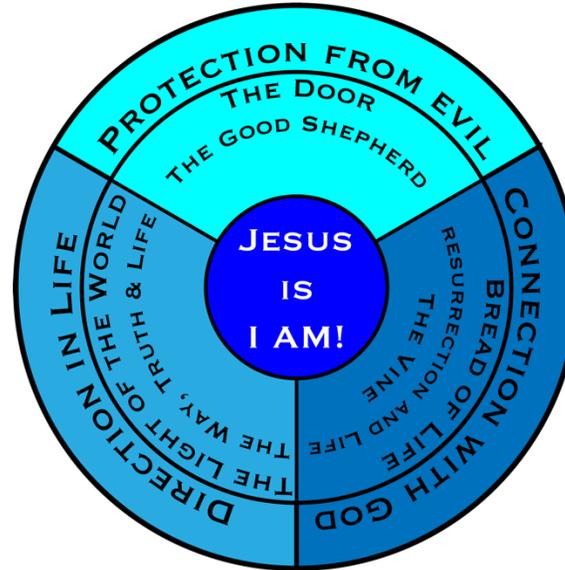
Know that there is only ONE God who is the universal ruler over everything.

However, to Moses in **Exodus 3** God revealed His **COVENANT name, YAHWEH.**

His COVENANT name YAHWEH means "I AM THAT I AM".

To the world He is the UNIVERSAL God over everything, but to His people, He is known as Yahweh.

So when Jesus said, "before Abraham was, I AM", they knew He was claiming to be God.



ONE THING

To the measure you will DEPEND determines the measure Jesus will DEFEND.

John 10:10–17 (ESV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my

life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

1. FACE your RELIANCE – Jesus is your PROTECTOR!

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In Jesus declaring Himself “The Good Shepherd” what does this say to us?

Four truths to face:

➤ **We are SHEEP**

There are THREE things about sheep we need to know:

- **LIMITED INTELLIGENCE** – Sheep are not very smart. They are prone to **CONSTANT WANDERING**.

- **CREATURES OF HABIT** – They will follow the same paths eating in the same pastures even missing lush pastures.
- **TOTALLY DEFENSELESS** – They have no mode of defense. They are like walking pillows and therefore easy prey.

Sheep are FEARFUL, TIMID, STUBBORN, & HELPLESS.

➤ **We have an ENEMY**

John 10:10a (ESV) — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Three times Satan is called by Jesus the “ruler of this world”.

John 12:31 (ESV) — Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

This does not mean that Satan no longer impacts this world...

It means that Jesus now is seated in authority!

In fact, John who wrote this quote from Jesus also said...

1 John 5:19b (ESV) — ... the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

The Apostle Peter...

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) — Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

➤ **There are FALSE shepherds**

John 10:12–13 (ESV) — He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

The FALSE SHEPHERDS are depicted as THEIVES, who do not care for the sheep, but are only interested in THEMSELVES.

Jesus calls these FALSE SHEPHERDS, HIRELINGS.

False shepherds are anyone or anything we become dependent upon...

- United States
- Jobs
- Etc...

➤ **Jesus is our HERO!**

John 10:11 (ESV) — I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

First, what does the word translated here as “good” mean?

This is a very interesting name for Jesus.

There are TWO GREEK WORDS that are translated “good” in English.

The first means “morally good.” NOT USED.

The second means, “BEAUTIFUL, EXCELLENT, FLAWLESS.”

The word can be translated, “HERO.”

Our FOUR TRUTHS...

- We are sheep
- We have an enemy
- There are false shepherds
- Jesus is our Hero!

To the measure you will depend determines the measure Jesus will defend.

1. FACE your RELIANCE – Jesus is your PROTECTOR!

2. EMBRACE your REST – Jesus is your PEACE!

John 10:14–17 (ESV) — I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

Four actions to take:

➤ **KNOW Jesus PERSONALLY**

John 10:14–15a (ESV) — I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father

There are **TWO** sides to **KNOWING PERSONALLY...**

- I must know the other person
- The other person must know me

Matthew 7:22–23 (ESV) — On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

➤ **LISTEN to His VOICE**

John 10:27–28 (ESV) — My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

As I have told you many times before, the most often quoted statement by Jesus in the New Testament is...

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear...”

➤ **FOLLOW His LEADERSHIP**

John 10:3b–5 (ESV) — ... The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.

➤ **TRUST His GRACE**

Matthew 18:12–13 (ESV) — If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

Matthew 9:36 (ESV) — When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

To the measure you will depend determines the measure Jesus will defend.

→ **Let’s stand and quote Psalm 23 together** ←

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

To the measure you will depend determines the measure Jesus will defend.

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To the measure you will _____ determines the measure
Jesus will _____.

1. _____ your _____ – Jesus is your
_____!

Four truths to face:

- We are _____
- We have an _____
- There are _____ shepherds
- Jesus is our _____!

2. _____ your _____ – Jesus is your
_____!

Four actions to take:

- _____ Jesus _____
- _____ to His _____
- _____ His _____
- _____ His _____