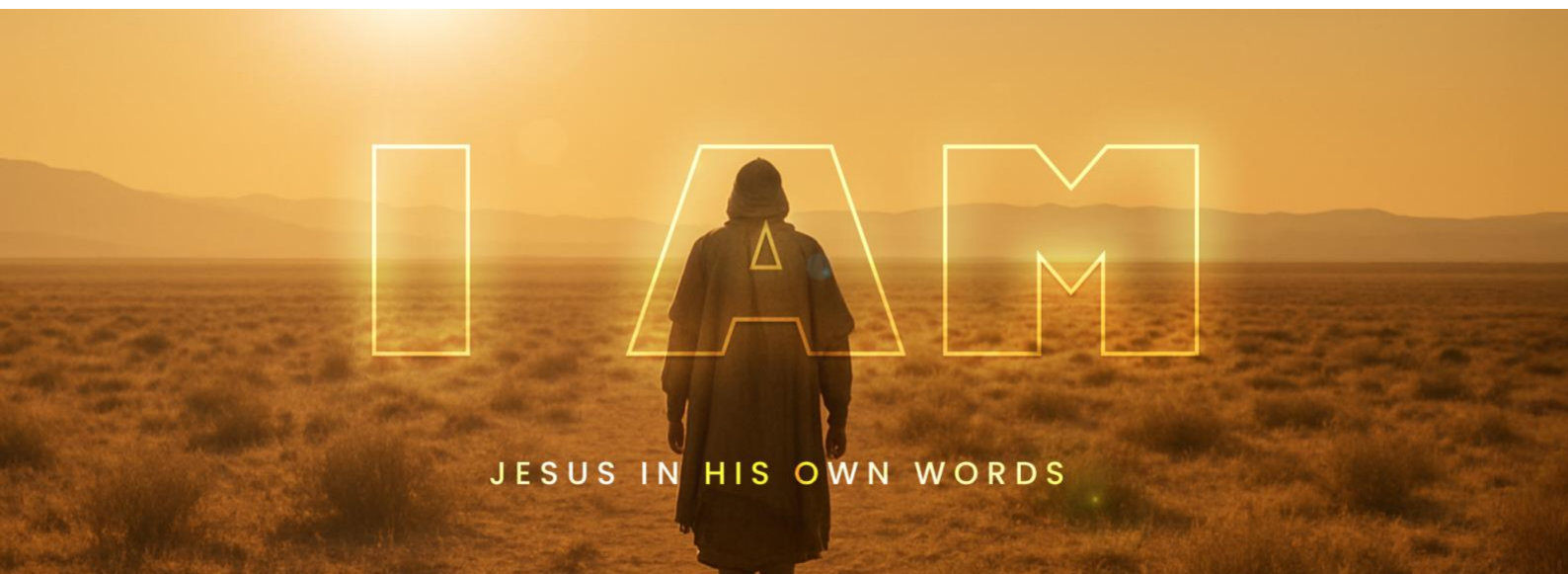




Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

What struck you most during this message?

- In the message, Lewis spoke of three common responses to death; the disciples were afraid, Martha entered a crisis, and Mary knew deep grief. Which of these resonates most with you?
- Before moving on, give a moment to reflect of the goodness of Christ to those in crisis and who grieve today. He did not rebuke Martha, nor did he rush Mary through her pain. As these experiences are shared, pause and give a moment to pray our merciful Jesus and ask him to minister to their needs.

- If death truly is sleep for those in X, there is a free and fearless life to be lived. Specifically how might this good news change your life?
- Christ has transformed the never ending nightmare of death into everlasting joy for those in him. Pause and give thanks for his sacrifice for us - he alone is worthy of our praise! And pray also for those who heard the message and yet have not trusted in Christ.