

# The Most Important Question

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Matthew 16:13-17

Life's mos	t important	t question:

How did Jesus answer this question?			
John 6:20 ESV - But he said to them, "It is I (egō e	eimi); do not be afraid."		
John 8:58 ESV - Jesus said to them. "Trulv. trulv. I say	/ to vou, before Abraham was, I am ( <b>eaō eimi</b> )."		

John 18:5 ESV - They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he (egō eimi)."

When Jesus said, "I AM" (**egō eimi**), He was saying He is \_\_\_\_\_

## The meaning and significance of "I AM"

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "<u>I AM WHO I AM</u>." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: '<u>I AM has</u> sent me to you." 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD (YHWH), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Exodus 3:14-15 ESV

"I am who I am," "I will be who I will be," "I cause to be what I cause to be," "I am the One who is, I exist"

God is	Old Testament (Yahweh)	New Testament (Jesus)
Self-Existent, Self-Sufficient, Unchanging 'Ehyeh (I AM)	Exodus 3:14; Psalm 90:2, 102:25-27; Isaiah 40:28; Malachi 3:6	John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-19; Revelation 1:8; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17
Personal, Relational YHWH (Yahweh/The LORD)	Exodus 3:14, 33:11	John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-30, 28:20; Hebrews 4:15
Present	Exodus 3:11-14, 33:14; Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 46:1	Matthew 28:20; John 14:18; Hebrews 13:5
Powerful	Exodus 3:15-20; Jeremiah 32:17	Mark 4:39; John 11:43-44; Colossians 1:16

#### What does this mean for me?

•	is the One who is/will be	
•	Jesus is	
	- The name Jesus is from the Latin fo	orm of the Greek form of Yeshua, which literally
	means "	<u>"</u>
	Jesus is and	
	I have a	





#### **Memory Verse:**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 ESV

My	next	step	today	/ is	to
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- o Memorize 2 Peter 3:18
- o Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- o Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- o Plan to attend the rest of the I AM Series (as much as I can)

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### **Reflection Questions:**

- · Who do I say Jesus is?
- · Of everything that was discussed in the sermon, what was most helpful/meaningful to me? Why?
- · In what ways might I be admiring Jesus or following Him as a teacher, but not fully trusting Him?
- How does the truth that Jesus is eternal, self-existent, and unchanging, give me confidence in times of uncertainty or fear?
- · Where in my life do I most need to remember Jesus' presence and power this week?
- · What area(s) of my life do I need to yield more fully to Jesus' direction and leading (lordship)?
- · What is a next step I can take this week to "grow in the grace and knowledge" of Jesus?
- · Who can I pray for and ask God to give me the opportunity to share Jesus with?

Additional Notes:	
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