

Jesus Christ, The “I Am” Of The New Testament - Part II -

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Text: John 10:14

**Theme: To emphasize the glory of Christ through the
“I am” sayings of John’s gospel record.**

Introduction:

1. In the previous lesson, we talked about the greatness of the gospel record according to John.
2. And that, in this record, Jesus Christ is presented to us as the great “I Am.”
 - a. Began looking at Jesus’ “I Am” statements.
 - b. Ready for the fourth one.

Discussion: “I Am....”

- I. “I am the good shepherd” - John 10:14.
 - A. Jesus told a story vv.1-5 - relate - v. 6.
 - B. Jesus contrasts the role of a good shepherd with that of a hireling and a thief.
 1. Jesus is the door of the sheep - vv. 7-9.
 - a. The thief comes for destruction - v. 10.
 - b. Jesus is come to bring life.
 2. Jesus is the good shepherd - v. 11.
 - a. The hireling has no particular concern for the sheep - vv. 12,13.
 - b. Jesus protects the sheep - vv. 14,15 - willing v.18.
 3. But some of the Jews would not believe - v. 26.
 - a. They were not his sheep - v. 26.

- b. The sheep of Jesus hear his voice - v. 27.
 - c. Enjoy his blessings and security - vv. 28,29.
 - C. They rejected his sayings - v. 31.
 - 1. They threw stones - they felt they had enough security.
 - 2. People today depend on the wrong things for security -
 - a. Fame, fortune, status etc.
 - b. But only by being one of Christ's sheep is there true salvation.
 - c. Perhaps the most tender of the "I Am" sayings because it shows the tremendous care of the Lord for us.- v. 11.
- II. "I am the resurrection and the life." - John 11:25.
 - A. The occasion of this "I Am" saying is the death of one of Jesus' friends, Lazarus - tell the story.
 - B. There is a day coming in which he will call everyone from the grave - John 11:28,29.
- III. "I Am the true vine." - John 15:1.
 - A. Jesus spoke this so that his joy might remain in us and that our joy might be full - John 15:11.
 - B. This is a lesson of warning as well as encouragement from the Lord.
 - 1. There is an implication that we can lose our joy in the Lord.
 - 2. Jesus tries to head off such a catastrophe -
 - a. True vine - well, there must be some false vines - v. 1.
 - b. We need to bear fruit - v. 2.
 - c. Clean through the word - v. 3.
 - d. Abide in me - v. 4 - John 14:23 - friends - John 15:15.
 - e. He is the vine we are the branches - v. 5.
 - f. The great blessing of abiding in Christ - v. 7.
 - g. By this the Father is glorified - vv. 8,9.
- IV. "I Am the way, the truth, and the life" John 14:6.
 - A. The setting -
 - 1. Jesus is preparing to leave this world.
 - 2. He comforts the disciples - vv. 1-4.
 - 3. Thomas has trouble understanding - v. 5.

4. Jesus' clarification - v. 6.
- B. The clarification -
 1. He is the way - without him there's no going -
 - a. He is the only way -
 - b. All other ways are false ways -
 - 1) He is the way to the knowledge of God - "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" v. 9.
 - 2) Christ is the way to the favor of God.
 - 3) Christ is the way to fellowship with God.
 - 4) Christ is the way to a home with God.
 2. He is the truth - without him there's no knowing.
 - a. Not only is Jesus the teacher of truth, and not only did Christ instruct his followers to teach the truth -
 - b. But he is, himself, the truth.
 - 1) Paul said that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily - Colossians 2:9.
 - 2) Peter said that God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of him - II Peter 1:3.
 - 3) Jesus said in John 8:32 - "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" and now proclaims that he is the truth, he is the source of that freedom.
 3. He is life - now and eternally.
 - a. He is the source of physical life - John 1:3.
 - b. He came into the world that we might have life and have it more abundantly - John 10:10.
 - c. Whereas we were dead in our trespasses and sins, we are now made alive in Christ.
 - d. Jesus is the source of eternal life - He has promised that the righteous will go into life eternal - Matthew 25:46.

Conclusion and Invitation:

1. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life -
2. No man can come to the Father but by Him.

3. And so Jesus calls out - “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.”
4. There is no other way besides his way, no other truth besides his truth, no other life besides his life.