

Bite Size Bible Study

I AM #84

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The Book of John is not one of the Synoptic Gospels. Rather than summarize the events in Jesus' life, John attempts to show us who He is. John uses many I AM statements about Jesus and from these we can get a glimmer of just who Jesus is. (This is a short list due to the restricted length of this paper.)

Jesus existed before Abram and is not a product of the world

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" John 8:58

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. John 17:16

But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world." John 8:23

Jesus is one with the Father

...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. John 17:21a

Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? John 10:36b

Jesus provides life, hope and a reason for living

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:1,5

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:9,11

Jesus is the way to eternal life.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" John 11:25

Jesus is preparing an eternal dwelling for us and will return for us.

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I." John 14:28

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2,3

Jesus is a King and born to be one

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37

Some Final Thoughts

Although some dispute this, I believe it was Jesus before his incarnation that spoke to Israel. That Israel who was, at times called the "son of God", his chosen ones, were the first community to have communion with Jesus. I believe that what God said to Moses confirms this. I further believe that what John said in his opening statements, that Jesus (the Word {Dvar HaShem}) was the one throughout the Old Testament was the One who is called God (YHVH).

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14

God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14 (CJB)

"Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh [I am / will be what I am / will be]. In other words: Jesus exists Before, Now, and After – what we call eternity.

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