



The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John

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| 1. I Am the Bread of Life | 2. I Am the Light of the World |
| 3. I Am the Gate of the Sheep | 4. I Am the Good Shepherd |
| 5. I Am the Resurrection and the Life | 6. I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life |
| 7. I Am the True Vine | |

NOTE: Each of these statements tells you something of who Jesus is—His character and nature.

The Most Famous “I AM”

God to Moses:

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, *“I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”* At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. Exodus 3:5–6 (NIV)

Moses to God:

“Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” Exodus 3:13 (NIV)

God Responds:

“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 (NIV)

When God told Moses that His name is “I AM WHO I AM,”
God was saying, “I am the _____.”

Certainly, we live, move and exist because of Him. Acts 17:28a (GW)

1800 Years Later: Jesus Speaking to the Jewish Religious Leaders

“...Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ The people said, *“You aren’t even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?”* ⁵⁸ Jesus answered, *“I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!”* ⁵⁹ At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple. John 8:56–59 (NLT)

That was not the only time Jesus claimed to be God.

If you don't believe that **I AM**, you will die in your sins.

John 8:24b (CEB)

So Jesus said to them, "When the Human One is lifted up, then you will know that **I AM**."

John 8:28a (CEB)

..."I am the _____..."

John 6:35 (NIV)

⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ 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 6:4, 30–35 (NIV)

How does this story tell us who Jesus is and how Jesus gives life?

Hint #1: The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

John 6:4 (NIV)

For the Jews, Passover is their salvation story.

**Jesus—the Bread of Life—is God's
_____ for us!**

Hint #2: Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:47–51 (NIV)

**Jesus—the Bread of Life—gives us
_____ and
satisfies the _____**

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:66–69 (NIV)