

## INCOMPARABLE

### INTRODUCTION

Three Sundays ago I shared a message with you entitled, "Through Whose Eyes?". It was about how we see ourselves in a manner that is sometimes distorted, and how we must remember that it's not about us, but about "I AM" that is within us. There is none like Him. We face every situation, negative comment and incorrect view of ourselves by stating these two words, "I AM". When it's all about "I AM" then success, victory and joy are all ours.

Who is "I AM"? What is it that makes Him so important to us? Why does His presence make such a remarkable difference in our lives? Today I want to visit who our God is. I can never cover it fully, not even if it was the topic of every message that I will ever preach could I present a proper and full description of who He is, but today, let me remind you of just a little and you will be exposed to truth that will lead you into fresh faith and fresh victory in your life.

### MESSAGE

The "Got Questions website states this explaining what God meant when He called Himself "I AM":

*"In calling Himself "I AM", He declared I AM is the ultimate statement of self-sufficiency, self-existence, and immediate presence. God's existence is not contingent upon anyone else. His plans are not contingent upon any circumstances. He promises that He will be what He will be; that is, He will be the eternally constant God. He stands, ever-present and unchangeable, completely sufficient in Himself to do what He wills to do and to accomplish what He wills to accomplish."*

### IDENTIFYING "I AM"

Jesus, in his earthly ministry, stepped continually on the religious Pharisees' toes. They basically said to Him, "Who do you think you are?" He answered like this:

**John 8:56-59** (NKJV) Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." 59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

I truly believe that the "I AM" That Moses encountered at the burning bush (Exodus 3:13-14) was Jesus Himself. Before He came to the earth, born in human form. Jesus Christ is the Great I AM and when He referred to Himself

as "I AM", they wanted to stone Him, because they knew He was referring to the same God that told Moses to tell the Israelites, "I AM has sent you".

As He referred to himself as "I AM", He was saying, "I AM God" and they knew it, but they didn't want to accept it.

The apostle Paul wrote of Jesus in **Philippians 2:9-11** "God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"

### **Jesus was there from the beginning:**

**John 1:1-5** (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

This scripture identifies the following truths about Jesus:

- He is the Word.
- He was with God in the beginning.
- The Word is God (right from the beginning).
- He made all things.
- In Him is life and His light is the life of all human beings.
- His light shines in the darkness and the darkness didn't even know it.

### **Jesus will be there at the end:**

**Revelation 1:8** "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'"

"Alpha" means beginning or first and "Omega means end or last. Jesus, the Great "I AM" has always existed!

### **JESUS SAID, "I AM" SEVEN TIMES IN THE BOOK OF JOHN**

This helps us to see how incomparable Jesus is from all else:

#### **1. "I am the bread of life".**

**John 6:35** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

***Jesus spoke these words after the miracle of feeding the 5,000 men (and more women and children) with just five loaves and two fish.***

***What he was telling them is, "It's not about the physical bread you get from me, I will feed you spiritually and that food will feed you eternally." He offered the kind of Bread that those who ate would never die. He is offering us the bread of life today!***

## **2. "I am the light of the world."**

**John 8:12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Jesus said these words to a group that witnessed the scene of the woman caught in adultery. Her accusers tried to trick Jesus by asking if He thought the woman should be stoned, Jesus simply wrote in the sand. The accusers evaporated and the woman was set free with forgiveness and the instruction to go and sin no more.

***Then Jesus turned to the remaining people, and told them that He was the Light of the world. As the Light of the world, He offers a choice between the darkness of sin and the eternal and glorious light of a life in His presence. Allow Him to make you free from sin today!***

## **3. "I am the door."**

**John 10:9** "I am the door." If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

On this occasion, Jesus taught the people by pointing out something they understood well – Shepherding. There were probably shepherds and sheep in the area where He was preaching, and the people could see them. The only proper way into a sheepfold was through the gate. Wild animals and predators would try and get in in other ways but the shepherd would chase them.

***The only legitimate access to the sheep was through the door. Jesus likened Himself to that gate or door. The only true entrance to salvation or the Kingdom of God is through Him, the Door. Have you entered through the Door?***

## **4. "I am Good Shepherd."**

**John 10:11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Jesus is the Door, but He is also the Shepherd—the One whose voice the sheep know and trust. The Shepherd will protect and save the sheep at any cost.

***Jesus, is our Good Shepherd, He died to save each of us. His love for us goes so much further than what we can imagine. Are we willing to trust Him with our whole life?***

### **5. "I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

**John 11:25, 26** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha, were distraught. Jesus had arrived too late and their brother Lazarus had died. The told Martha, "Your brother will rise again," and she responded in faith, affirming that he will rise in the last days. But Jesus had another plan for Lazarus.

***Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, will raise all who believe in the last days, what a powerful expectation. But just as He raised Lazarus, is it not also time that we begin believing Him to raise up even those precious ones of ours who die? It may not happen every time, but sometimes I think we let go too easily!***

### **6. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life**

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure. They still didn't fully understand... lets look at this section of scripture in context:

**John 14:6-9** Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?"

- "How do we get to where you are going Jesus?"
- "I'm the way to the father Thomas".
- "If you had truly known me, you would know the father too, Why, He and I are one, if you know Me , you know Him and you have access to Him".

***Do you truly know Jesus today? "I AM" is our access to Father God, He and the Father and the Holy Spirit are one. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.***

## 7. "I am the Vine"

**John 15:5** "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

As Jesus spoke, the vines hung heavy with ripened fruit throughout the region. His listeners understood the significance of the vine and the dependency the branches had to the source of nutrition and water.

Jesus was explaining that He is our source. Without Him, we can't bear fruit. When we are disconnected from Him, we die, physically and spiritually, but when we remain connected to The Vine, He is our Source of life, both today and forever.

***Are you connected to the Vine today? Is there evidence reflecting as fruit? Then have hope, He is your source of eternal life.***

### **PLAY: PASTOR ISAAC WIMBERLEY'S POEM IN THE SONG FOREVER BY KARI JOBE**

In the song "forever by Kari Jobi, Pastor Isaac Wimberley shares this poem about who Jesus is. It stirred my Spirit because it's so true. Let us watch this extract before I complete this message.

### **CONCLUSION**

Who is "I AM"?

- He is the Alpha and Omega, the One in whom all is held together!
- He is the Bread of life.
- He is the Light that shines in the darkness of sin.
- He is the Door into God's Kingdom.
- He is the Good Shepherd who cares for us.
- He is the Resurrection and the Life – our hope of resurrection & eternal life.
- He is the Way, the Truth and the Life – If we know Him, we know our Heavenly Father.
- He is the Vine that feeds us and helps us produce fruit. We need to abide in Him.

Let us run to Jesus, The King of Love this morning, there is nothing we need that He can't provide. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and our lives belong to Him!