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# I AM

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## WEEK 1 – BEFORE ABRAHAM, I AM

### **John 8:23-30**

<sup>23</sup> But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.”

<sup>25</sup> “Who are you?” they asked.

“Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied. <sup>26</sup> “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.”

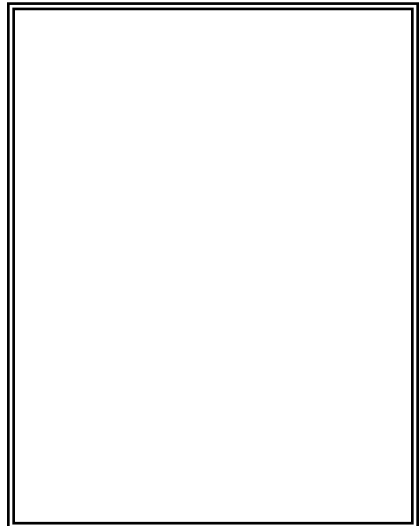
<sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. <sup>29</sup> The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” <sup>30</sup> Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

### **John 8:58-59 (ESV)**

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

<sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The **IMPOSSIBLE** is possible in our lives.



**I AM**  
**[ego eimi]**

I...exist  
I...happen  
I...am...present

"I am...the living bread." - **John 6:35**

"I am...the good shepherd." - **John 10:11**

"I am...the light of the world." - **John 8:12**

Jesus exists in the timeless **REALITY** of eternity.

**John 8:24, 28, 58 [YLT]**

<sup>24</sup> I said, therefore, to you, that ye shall die in your sins, for if ye may not believe that I am, ye shall die in your sins.'

<sup>28</sup> Jesus, therefore, said to them, 'When ye may lift up the Son of Man then ye will know that I am; and of myself I do nothing, but according as my Father did teach me, these things I speak;

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Verily, verily, I say to you, Before Abraham's coming – I AM.'

**John 8:36**

So if the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed.

We are new **CREATIONS**  
under the I AM.

The implications of I AM are **NOW**.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has  
come!

SO WHAT?

What **WAS** doesn't have to **BE**.

NOTES:

I am

***“Your past, present, and future are taken care of as you  
put your trust in Jesus.”***

*- Rick Warren*



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## **How to start a relationship with God:**

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life.  
In Your name, Amen.**

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## **For Further Reflection:**

:: Share some of your favorite things about the journey toward Holy Week and the Easter season as a whole.

:: Reread/Review John 8:23-30, 58-59.

:: What stands out to you most in Jesus' words?

:: Discuss some of the implications of Jesus calling himself 'I AM'.

:: How might those things impact the way we live or relate to him today?

:: Throughout the Bible, we repeatedly encounter the reality that our Lord WAS, IS and IS TO COME.

:: Discuss some of the implications of the reality that he bridges past, present and future.

:: What difference has it made in your life or not? Why is that?

:: What are some 'impossibilities' people face in life? What can change because Jesus is 'I AM'? [ref. Matthew 19:26, Philippians 4:13, John 15:5]

:: Pastor Shawn said, "Jesus exists in the timeless reality of eternity."

:: What does that mean for us today?

:: Which part of your life have you given Jesus authority to influence most? Least? [i.e. past, present, future, etc.]

:: What is one thing Jesus is inviting you to do next because he is...I AM?

:: Identify 1 person you can ask to pray for you as you step out and do that.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].  
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