

I AM

Jesus is the Great "I AM" - John 8:58-59 - 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **I am!**" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Ex 3:13-14 - 13 Moses said 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?" 14 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.'"

Jesus is NEVER changing - Heb 13:8 **Jesus Christ** is **THE SAME** yesterday and today and forever.

***Simply put what HE is, He always was, and always will be!!!**

He is the Solid Rock/Firm foundation - Matt 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on **the rock**. **[The only standard and purpose]**

Gentle & Humble in Heart - Matt 11:28-30 - 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am **GENTLE AND HUMBLE** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." **[Our comfort and place of rest]**

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1. **Bread of Life** - John 6:48-51 - 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may **eat and not die**. 51 **I am THE living bread that came down from heaven**. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." **[The only sustenance that gives life eternally]**

2. **Light of the World** - John 9:5 While I am in the world, I am **THE** light of the world."

Light - phos (foce); (to shine or make manifest, luminousness: (fire, light.) - **[only clearly seen through HIM]**

3. **The Gate for the Sheep** - John 10:1-10 - "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The man who enters by THE GATE is the shepherd of his sheep. 3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But **they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice**." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am THE GATE for the sheep. 8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but **the sheep did not listen to them**. 9 I am the gate; **WHOEVER ENTERS THROUGH ME WILL BE SAVED**. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Gate described further - Matt 7:13-14 - 13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and **only a few find it**. **Gate** - thura (thoo'-rah); "door"; a portal or entrance: (door, gate.) - **[The ONLY entrance]**

4. **True Vine** - John 15:1-8 - "**I AM THE TRUE VINE**, and my Father is the gardener. 2 **HE CUTS OFF EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARS NO FRUIT**, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 **REMAIN IN ME**, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 **IF ANYONE DOES NOT REMAIN IN ME, HE IS LIKE A BRANCH THAT IS THROWN AWAY AND WITHERS; SUCH BRANCHES ARE PICKED UP, THROWN INTO THE FIRE AND BURNED**. 7 **IF you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you**. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Vine - ampelos (am'-pel-os); a vine - **[The ONLY source]**

5. **Good Shepherd** - John 10:11-18 - 11 "**I am THE GOOD SHEPHERD**. The good shepherd **LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP**. 12 The **hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep**. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 "**I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me**— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 **I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be ONE FLOCK AND ONE SHEPHERD**. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." **Shepherd** - poimen (poy-mane'); a shepherd: (shepherd, pastor). **[The Only provider and protector]**

6. **Resurrection & Life** - John 11:21-26 - 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "**I am THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;** 26 and **whoever lives and believes in me will never die.** Do you believe this?"

Resurrection - anastasis (an-as'-tas-is); a resurrection from death (figuratively) (raised to life again).

[The only source of TRUE Life and "Life eternally"]

7. **THE Way, Truth, & Life** - John 14:1-7 - "**DO NOT LET your hearts be troubled. TRUST IN GOD; TRUST ALSO IN ME.** 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 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. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "**I am THE WAY and THE TRUTH and THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.** 7 **If you really knew me,** you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Way - hodos (hod-os'); a road; a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means: **[Only path]**

Truth - aletheia (al-ay'-thi-a); truth: (true, truly, truth, verity). **[THE Answer]**

Life - zoe (dzo-ay'); life (literally or figuratively): (life (-time).) **[The source and purpose of existence]**

a. **Jesus did not just speak the WORD he is the WORD** - John 1:1-14 - **In the beginning was the Word,** and the **Word was with God,** and the **WORD WAS GOD.** 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 **Through him all things were made;** **without him nothing was made that has been made.** 4 **In him was life,** and **that life was the light of men.** 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to **those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—** 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.** We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **[HE IS THE BIBLE PERSONIFIED]**

b. **Not of the World** – John 17:14-19 - 14 I have given them **your word** and the world has hated them, for **they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.** 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are **NOT OF THE WORLD, even as I am not of it.** 17 **SANCTIFY THEM BY THE TRUTH; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.** 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. ***Stop trying to make Christ worldly relatable**

[From Heaven representing Heaven]

c. **King** - John 18:36-37 - 36 Jesus said, "**My kingdom is not of this world.** If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "**You are a king, then!**" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "**You are right** in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." **[The only true leader]**

d. **Teacher & Lord** - John 13:12-17 - 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "**You call me 'TEACHER' and 'LORD,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.** 14 Now that I, your **Lord and Teacher,** have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, **no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.** 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Teacher - didaskalos (did-as'-kal-os); an instructor (doctor, master, teacher).

Lord - kurios (koo'-ree-os); supreme in authority, controller (God, Lord, master, Sir).

[Commands what to do and HOW to do it]

With all that is said and done we must preach Christ always - 2 Cor 4:3-6 - 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For **we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.** 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**