

Bible Study 3 – I AM sayings

1. Background.

How many times do you think the Greek word for I am is used in the Gospel of John? Before you answer - I am is used 14 times in Matthew, 4 times in Mark and 16 times in Luke.

Why is the use of I am so important? Read Exodus 3:12-15.

Is this the only reason or may there be another reason why John has such a focus on this?

2. John 6:32-35, 48-58 (read)

Does the final part of verse 35 remind you of some verses earlier in John?

In verse 51 is Jesus talking literally or figuratively? How do the Jews understand it?

Read Leviticus 17:10-12 – how does this compare with what Jesus says in verses 53-57?

How is this passage similar to Matthew 26:26-29? How is it different?

How does the illustration of Jesus being the bread of life help you to understand Jesus?

How is Jesus claiming to be God in this text?

Do these verses point ahead to Jesus death if so where and how?

3. John 10:7-18 (read)

What do you think about Jesus being both the gate and the shepherd? How does this help you to understand Jesus?

What do you think verse 16 means? Why is this verse important?

How is Jesus claiming to be God in this text?

Do these verses point ahead to Jesus death if so where and how?

4. John 15:5-13 (read)

How does the illustration of the vine and the branches help you to understand Jesus?

Are there similarities between the different illustrations we have looked at?

How is Jesus claiming to be God in this text?

Do these verses point ahead to Jesus death if so where and how?

5. John 4:21-26 (read)

How is this I am saying different to the other I am sayings?

How is it the same? How is Jesus claiming to be God in this text? Do these verses point ahead to Jesus death if so how?

Through the I AM sayings Jesus not only claims to be God but also helps to reveal various aspects about the relationship he has with his followers.

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