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# Because He is I AM

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Today's Scripture: John 8:54-58

Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup> Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

<sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

## BECAUSE JESUS IS "I AM" I KNOW WHO HE IS

- He is nothing less than God Almighty
- "Before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:58
- The people listening to Jesus had to respond in one of two ways
  - They could take Him at His word.
  - They could refuse to believe Him.
- Those are still the only choices people have today.

## BECAUSE HE IS "I AM" I KNOW WHAT HE HAS DONE

- He has created the world and everything in it
- "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." John 1:3
- We believe the Lord is the creator of life.

## BECAUSE HE IS "I AM" I KNOW WHO I AM

- I am His creation
- Every one of us is a unique, one of a kind expression of His creative power

- *“You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.” John 8:23*
- I have to recognize His authority over my life

## **BECAUSE HE IS “I AM” I KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE**

- It can be summed up in one word – Fallen
- To be fallen is to be a tragic figure who has allowed sin to shatter the image of God in your life
- *“You will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” John 8:24.*
- *“Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.” John 8:34*
- *“He who is of God hears God’s word; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.” John 8:47*
- As fallen human beings, we have so separated ourselves from our Creator that we have no hope of finding our way back to Him

## **BECAUSE HE IS “I AM” I KNOW WHO HE BECAME**

- Since you cannot find your way to God, Jesus came to bring you back to the Father
- *“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.” John 8:42*
- Jesus, the Son of God, became Emmanuel, God with Us
- *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14*

## **BECAUSE HE IS “I AM” I KNOW WHAT HE CAME TO DO**

- He came to Redeem
- *“When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He.” John 8:28*
- As Jesus, God came on a rescue mission to seek and to save that which was lost

## **“I AM” CALLS YOU TO TRUST HIM WITH YOUR LIFE**

- *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32*