

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness Before Abraham Was Born, I AM, John 8:48-59

John 8:52-53 The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets as well; and yet You say, ‘If anyone follows My word, he will never taste of death.’ You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died, are You? The prophets died too. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?”

John 8:54-55 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’; and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him. And if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you; but I do know Him, and I follow His word.

John 8:56-57 Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see My day, and he saw it and rejoiced.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?”

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

Matthew 21:15-16 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant, and they said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself’?”

Psalms 8:1-2 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, You who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have established strength.

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Exodus 3:13-14 Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “This is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Tetragrammaton “YHWH” 6,000 times in the Old Testament as the constant reminder that God is transcended, eternal, and always present.

The Seven I Am Statements of the Gospel of John 1. “I Am the Bread of Life” (6:35, 48, 51) 2. “I Am the Light of the World” (8:12, 9:5) 3. “I Am the Door” (10:7, 10:9) 4. “I Am the Good Shepherd” (10:11, 10:14) 5. “I Am the Resurrection and the Life” (11:25) 6. “I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life” (14:6) 7. “I Am the Vine” (15:1, 15:5)

Some of the other standalone I Am Statements from John

John 4:25-26 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am He, the One speaking to you."

Jesus is more than either Jew or Samaritan had comprehended in the word "Christ." John 18:4-6 Jesus...came out into the open and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. Now then, when He said to them, "I am," they drew back and fell to the ground.

John 8:24-25 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins." Then they were saying to Him, "Who are You?"

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

John 8:59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and left the temple grounds.