

Doctrine of Jesus

Jesus is the Great I AM

1. The Bible contains no definition of God, but it does express His essential character, especially in His covenant relation to Israel.
 - *Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

2. Jesus is the great “I AM.”
 - Jesus is the Bread of Life. *John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*
 - Jesus is the Light of the World. *John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*
 - Jesus is the Gate. *John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*
 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd. *John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*
 - Jesus is the Resurrection and Life. *John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*
 - Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life. *John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
 - Jesus is the True Vine. *John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

3. While God described Himself in covenantal terms to Moses, and Jesus described Himself in relational terms to the world, there were other occasions when God the Father and God the Son simply declared themselves as “I AM” to emphasize the totality of divinity.

The Father

- *Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*

- *Isaiah 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he.*
- *Isaiah 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*
- *Isaiah 43:13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?*
- *Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*
- *Isaiah 46:4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.*
- *Isaiah 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.*
- *Isaiah 51:12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;*
- *Isaiah 52:6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.*

The Son

- *John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*
- *John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.*
- *John 9:9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.*
- *John 13:19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.*
- *John 18:5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.*
- *John 18:6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.*

- *John 18:8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:*
- *Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*
- *Revelation 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*