

Seeking Jesus, the Great I AM

John 18:1-9

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1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

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- They thought they knew how to find Jesus:
 - Judas, lanterns, torches, & weapons
- They could not capture Him, without His help
- Identifying Himself, He gave them evidence they needed to convict Him
- Even in death He was the Master of the Universe

Parallels

- We think we know how to find Jesus;
 - Bible studies, acts of service, doctrinal statements, intellectual exercises,
- We can not come to Him, without His help
- Identifying Himself, He gives us evidence to believe & surrender to Him
- He is always the Master of the Universe, the Captain of our Salvation

I AM Statements of Christ recorded by John

John 6

35 And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 8

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 10

9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

John 11

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 15

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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Revelation 3

20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

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