

Jesus: The Great I Am

John 8:31-59

Introduction: Today's message is the continuation of the hot debate between Jesus and the religious authorities in Jerusalem. Their accusations descend to an all-time low when they accuse Jesus, the Son of God, of being demonized. The exchange crescendos to a climactic point when Jesus reveals Himself to be the great I am God who revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush. This exchange is a classic warning of how easily people can be blind to the truth that sets them free and how quickly they can be deceived into thinking they are real children of God when they are actually lost and in the grip of the devil.

The Truth will set believers free and condemn those who reject the Truth (vs. 31-38)

Jesus applies the spiritual DNA test (vs. 39-47)

Jesus, the Great I am, steps up (vs. 48-59)

1. What's so wonderful and so sacred about this name "*I am*"?

- a. In Exodus 3:13-15 at one of the most pivotal moments in Israel's history, God revealed Himself to Moses as the *I am* God.
- b. This eternal name for God is the most sacred, most personal and most revealing of all the names God has taken for Himself.
 - *I am* means that God is always present.
 - *I am* means that God is intensely personal.

- *I am* means that God is perfectly powerful.
- *I am* means that God dwells outside of time in eternity.
- *I am* means that God is never outdated, never outsmarted and never out of sovereign plans.

2. Seven times in the book of John we find Jesus using the title, *I am*.

a. *I am* the Bread of Life

b. *I am* the Light of the World

c. *I am* the Door

d. *I am* the Good Shepherd

e. *I am* the Resurrection and the Life

f. *I am* the Way, the Truth and the Life

g. *I am* the True Vine

Conclusion: It is time to check your spiritual DNA.

2 Corinthians 13:5 *Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?*