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*Basics Series - Studies in Christian Living*  
(Book 1)

**Who is Jesus Christ?**

**“I Am” in the Old Testament**

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The Compound Names of God

**YHWH Jireh – The Lord who Provides** (Genesis 22:12-14)

**YHWH Rapha – The Lord who Heals** (Exodus 15:22-26)

**YHWH Nissi – The Lord our Banner** (Exodus 17:8-15)

**YHWH Shalom – The Lord our Peace** (Judges 6:24)

**YHWH Raah – The Lord our Shepherd** (Psalm 23:1; Ezekiel 34)

**YHWH Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness** (Jeremiah 23:6)

## **YHWH Shammah – The Lord is Present** (Ezekiel 48:35)

**Isaiah 42:8** - “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

**Isaiah 45** - I will not share my glory with another. Beside me there is no God... I am the Lord, and there is no other... I am the Lord and there is no other... And there is no other God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me... Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear, they will say of me, in the Lord alone are righteousness and strength.

**46:9b** - I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come

## **“I Am” in the New Testament**

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

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**Luke 24:27** - *And beginning with Moses and all the prophets he explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.*

**I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty** (Revelation 1:8)

**I AM the First and the Last, the Living one** (Revelation 1:17-18)

**I AM the Bread of Life** (John 6:35)

**I AM the Light of the World** (John 8:12)

**I AM the Door** (John 10:9)

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**Opening**

**Transition**

Notes, Handouts

2022 - Basics

- Completed 5 Assurances, w/Small Groups
- Studies in Christian Living (SCL) w/Small Groups

Upcoming Schedule:

**Body**  
**The I AM**

**“I Am” in the Old Testament**

Background

Exodus 3:14 - אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה.

I AM WHO I AM or I AM THAT I AM

I prefer “who” because, while YHWH is definitely something, He is also a living, thinking, feeling, loving, hurting, grieving, rejoicing PERSON. So I prefer to use “who.”

This is the first encounter Moses had with YHWH.

Moses would later write Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These books would reveal that YHWH is the God of creation and superintends over humanity.

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As we discover how God reveals Himself through His Names, Why are the Names of God important?

God reveals Himself incrementally through experiences of the people he called.

I will talk about the Compound Names of God (not exhaustive)

### **YHWH Jireh – The Lord who Provides**

**I AM your provider**

**Genesis 22:12-14**

Abraham offering Isaac. YHWH stops him, provides a Ram.

### **YHWH Rapha – The Lord who Heals**

**I AM your Healer**

**Exodus 15:22-26**

No water, came to Marah with bitter water.

YHWH provides a stick of wood.

### **YHWH Nissi – The Lord our Banner**

**I AM your Banner**

**Exodus 17:8-15**

- The follower's focus of pride
- People have held up banners for thousands of years.
- College, sports team,
- Car, high school (go Chargers), job, race, sexual identity (has become a thing), political sides,
- Careful – what we are proud of can define us, becomes our “identity,” who we are.
- Isaiah said that those who bow to idols **become like** their idols.
- In Exodus 15 says God is our banner.
- He, and He alone must define us, in whom we find our identity.
- If we worship YHWH we become more like Him.

### **YHWH Shalom – The Lord our Peace**

I AM your Peace

Judges 6:24

YHWH calls Gideon to confront the enemy, Midian.

Sees an angel of YHWH, feared he would die.

YHWH says, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.”

### **YHWH Raah – The Lord our Shepherd**

I AM your Shepherd

Psalm 23:1

David wrote, “YHWH is my Shepherd.”

Ezekiel 34 – My shepherds have failed. I will remove them.

I myself will shepherd them.  
(Read excerpts from v11-31)

YHWH Himself will come to shepherd his people.

### **YHWH Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness**

I AM your Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6

A prophetic promise that there will come a day when he will raise up from David a righteous branch, a King who will reign with justice and righteousness.

The King will be called, YHWH our Righteousness.

### **YHWH Shammah – The Lord is Present**

I AM Present

Ezekiel 48:35

Prophetic promise of a city.

A foreshadowing of the eternal city in Rev 21.

The name of the City: YHWH IS THERE

YHWH reveals Himself over the course of human history.

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Isaiah 45:5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.

So what does all this have to do with Jesus Christ?

Everything.

Let's jump to the New Testament.

### **"I Am" in the New Testament**

The NT also has numerous "I AM" statements, all made by Jesus.

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

*John 5:39-40 – You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you have eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me. Yet you refuse to come to me.*

Note how a response to Jesus, to the Scriptures, is the goal, not mere information. Specifically, coming to Jesus or eternal life.

*Luke 24:27 - And beginning with Moses and all the prophets he explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.*

*Let's see a bit what Jesus has to say about Himself*

**I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty**

**Revelation 1:8**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

First and last letters of the Greek alphabet

**I AM the First and the Last, the Living one, Alive forever**

**Revelation 1:17-18**

*When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."*

Jesus is not merely a historical character. He is an eternal character.

**I AM the Bread of Life**



### **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."*

Bread is basic sustenance, the most basic need.

The bread of life is a Person.

### **I AM the Light of the World**

#### **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."*

Light brings visibility, knowledge, awareness of what's real.  
Light uncovers deceit and falsehoods, reveals hidden things,  
eliminates pretending.

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The light of the world is a person.

### **I AM the Door**

#### **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."*

Meaning - enter salvation, enter the kingdom of God.

The Door and entrance to salvation is a Person.

**I AM the Good Shepherd**

**John 10:11**

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

The good Shepherd is a person.

**I Am the Resurrection and Life**

**John 11:25-26**

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

The resurrection and the life is a person.

**I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life**

**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."*

The way, the truth, and the life, is a person.

**I AM the Vine**

**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."*

Clearly, Jesus' I AM statements identify Him as one and the same as the YHWH, the I AM in the OT.

These are the "I AM" statements of Jesus. But He is much more!

I haven't even talked about Jesus being the Word of God, our King, Creator, Sustainer, Brother, our Savior, Miracle Worker, Redeemer, High Priest,