

Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



The I Am Statements of Jesus

Two dangerous words: I am. Those two words almost got Jesus stoned. Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, I am.” He was boldly identifying Himself as God. He was claiming to be older and greater than Abraham. In the Gospel of John Jesus makes seven “I am” statements that each have staggering implications and make incredible claims about who Jesus is. Some believed Him, some rejected Him. In the next seven devotionals we encourage you to wrestle with what Jesus says about Himself and how that impacts your view of Him and how it impacts your life.

Reflections from Scripture on I Am The Way, The Truth and The Life

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 6:67-69 Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 8:31-32 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 20:31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Acts 4:12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 17:28 In him we live and move and have our being.

Hebrews 10:19-21 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

1 John 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us.

1 John 5:20 We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

We Come, O Christ, To You

We come, O Christ, to you,
true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist,
in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move
and have our being in your love.

You are the way to God,
your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge
and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth;
all wisdom dwells in you,
the source of every skill,
the one eternal True!
O great I AM! in you we rest,
sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life
to know you is to live
the more abundant life
that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you:
in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,
our Savior and our King;
to you our youth and strength
adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts that all may view
your life in us and turn to you!

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Holy Father, we call on you the God of all truth. We pray in the name of Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life, who became flesh to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. We ask for the help of your Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of truth, who opens our hearts to the truth.

Thank you for your Holy Word in which you have revealed your truth to us. Continue to open our eyes and ears to your wisdom and understanding. Grant to us that fear of the Lord that is the beginning of all wisdom and knowledge.

Father, enable us to seek your truth each day, and may your truth overcome all our fears and confusion. Enable us to strive for truth in all we do and say, that our thoughts, words and actions may be a reflection of your Spirit in us. Enable us to cherish truth, in the knowledge that you are the author of all that is true, beautiful and good.

Father, enable us to share your truth with others who are lost, confused, weary, or suffering. Enable us to teach and pass on the truth to our children and grandchildren that they will know the way of life.

In this dark world and during these evil days, make us and your Church salt and light, a beacon of light in the darkness, and may you uphold your Church to be the pillar and foundation of the truth in this world.

Holy Father, restore truth, beauty and goodness in our hearts, in our homes, in our church and in our country, for your glory, in the name of Jesus. Amen.