

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE – JOHN 14:6

THE I AM'S OF JESUS #7

Today we move into our 7th “I AM of Jesus” by looking at a three-fold declaration of Jesus that again has eternal consequences if it is not believed upon. While the other declarations demanded a right opinion about Jesus, this statement carries even more weight. We will see once again that a mere man cannot get away with making statements like these. We begin with:

1. **I AM the Way – John 14:6** -. The “way” that Jesus is speaking of is the way to God. Jesus here claims to be “the” way to God. That tells us that there is only one way and that all other ways are false ways. There are thousands of religions in the world but only one way to God – being born again through Jesus Christ. If a person doesn’t believe that Jesus is the one and only way to God, that person will be forever lost. Jesus also cannot be considered “a” way; He is the only way. Without Christ, there is no other way to God.
2. **I AM the Truth – vs. 6** -. All truth emanates and comes from God. There is no truth outside of God. Jesus here is claiming to be that truth. There is a law within the realms of logic called the Law of non-contradiction. That simply means that 2 things that contradict each other cannot both be true in the same sense at the same time. You cannot say that it is both hot and cold outside. Things that disagree cannot both be right in the same sense and at the same time. The teachings of the Bible and the teachings of religion contradict each other. That means that they both can’t be true. Salvation cannot be by grace and by works. Anything that comes from the lips of Jesus (that includes the entire Bible) is truth. Anything that contradicts the Bible is false. There can’t be “my truth and your truth”; there is only God’s truth as revealed by Jesus Christ.
3. **I AM the Life – vs. 6** -. This statement refers to what Jesus claimed in John 11 – “I AM the Resurrection and the Life”. This life is eternal life. Jesus is the one and only source of eternal life. It cannot be had in any way without Him. Religions that do not recognize Christ at all have no hope of eternal life. Religions that recognize Christ but have a way of salvation that disagrees with the Bible have no hope of eternal life. Jesus is also the only true source of abundant life in this life. People without Christ can live happy lives but their life would be far better with Christ as the foundation of it.

4. **No man cometh to the Father but by me – vs. 6 -.** The Father of course is God. Jesus is claiming that no one gets to the Father unless they go through Him. This creates problems for religions that recognize the one true God and yet do not recognize Jesus. Unsaved Jews, JW's, Mormons and Muslims all claim to follow the Father. The problem with that is that they do not know the Father if they do not know the Son. Their claims of allegiance to God are empty claims because the only way to the Father is through Jesus.

5. **Another unmistakable claim – vs. 8-9 -.** When Phillip asks Jesus to show them the Father, He clearly tells Phillip – “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father”. There is no mistaking what Jesus was claiming here. He is claiming complete oneness and sameness with God. No mere man can make such a claim. It is one thing to claim unity with the Father in mission; it is a whole different thing to claim to be one with God in essence. That is what Jesus is claiming. Of these 5 statements, only God could have made them. This is more evidence that Jesus claimed to be God.