

2020 New Testament Reading Plan

Living Hope Fellowship, Chico
Directed Study, Week 10
John 10–16

I AM Statements

There are 7 metaphorical "I AM" statements of Jesus in John (besides absolute statements like 8:58). Metaphors are symbolic comparisons between two things (without "like" or "as"). Jesus teaches us great truths about who he is by these statements. Jesus consciously used the phrase "I AM" to evoke the personal name of God (see Exodus 3:14 for example).

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| 1. I am the Bread of Life (6:35, 48, 51) | 5. I am the Resurrection and the Life (11:25) |
| 2. I am the Light of the World (8:12; 9:5) | 6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6) |
| 3. I am the Door of the Sheep (10:7, 9) | 7. I am the True Vine (15:1) |
| 4. I am the Good Shepherd (10:11, 14) | |

1. Can you think of any Old Testament passages that Jesus makes allusions to in these I AM statements? Could Jesus be referring to himself as Yahweh with more than "I AM" alone?

Signs

Remember that John organizes his gospel around 7 signs (I listed them all last week). The last of the 7 comes up in chapter 11, the raising of Lazarus from the dead. After this last sign that John selects out of many possible inclusions, John will focus on Jesus' final week of life, the cross, and the resurrection (for almost half of his gospel!).

2. How does John frame this sign in connection with his purpose statement (20:30-31)? In other words, how does this sign serve his purpose?

Jesus' Final Week

By the time we get to chapter 12, we've entered into Jesus' final week.

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| Friday/Saturday 12:1-11 | (return to Judea) |
| Palm Sunday 12:12-36 | (the triumphal entry) |
| Thursday 13:1-17:26 | (the upper room discourse) |
| Friday 18:2-19:42 | (the cross) |
| Sunday 20:1-21:25 | (the resurrection) |

3. In John, who does Jesus' mostly minister to during his final week of ministry? Which command that Jesus gives to his disciples in this section stands out to you the most? What's one way you can be more obedient to that command?

Escalation to the Cross

In John, it's no secret that something horrible is coming. There's much foreshadowing of betrayal and death. With 10:30-33, the narrative races to the climax of the cross (also see 5:18 and 11:53).

The Spirit

The coming of the Holy Spirit is a prominent theme in chapters 14-16. The Spirit = another Helper (14:16, 16:7); the Spirit of truth (14:17; 16:13); will lead the disciples into all truth (14:26; 16:13); speaks of Christ (15:26); glorifies Christ and declares Jesus-things (16:14-15); convicts the world (16:8); declares things to come (16:13); and indwells believers (14:17).

4. Besides the Spirit, who else indwells the believer (see 14:23)?

Key Words: Father, sent, world, love ***Bonus:** Note that Isaiah actually saw Jesus (12:41)!