

Jesus, the Great I AM

(2) Is Jesus God, I AM

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

John introduces the Word...John 1:1-2

What is the revealed name by God of God? Ex.3:14

He revealed that His Name is I AM. Also YAHWEH (HE IS) is revealed.

Did Jesus ever claim Himself to be I AM? Jn. 4:26; 8:24, 28, 58; 13:19; 18:5-8; 10:30

Yes! On multiple occasions to a wide audience. He boldly claimed to be, I AM.

On this basis alone, what are the only two possibilities for Who Jesus is?

He either IS God or he is a deluded liar! If He is God, everyone must listen to Him!

What is the stated *purpose* of John's Gospel? 20:30-31 Comment?

So that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing have life! Yes!!

Comparing Scripture, to what does 'in the beginning' refer? 1:3; Heb.1:1-10; Gen.1:1; Ps.33:6

In the beginning, when He created the heavens and the earth. The start of all creation.

And what is one point re 'in the beginning'? vs.1

The Word was already existent. The Word was. Before time. The Word must be God.

What does verse 1 mean? (in the beginning *was*, not in the beginning *became* (verse 3))

At the point where everything else began, the Word was already there. NOT created.

What does "the Word" mean to the Greek (great philosopher of the day)?

Word = 'logos'. To the Greek, impersonal, abstract principle of reason/order in universe.

And what does "the Word" mean to the Jew? Gen.15:1; ISam.3:21; Ps.33:6; Ez.1:3; Zech.1:1

Giver of the covenant, creator of everything, author of the Word of God to the prophets...

What is clearly stated by 'the Word was with God'?

Gr.=pros ton patera; deep intimate fellowship, face to face. Word is a person, not attribute

And what is John's next absolutely clear declaration about the Word? vs.1 see Phil.2:6

The Word was God. Not 'divine', not 'a god'. He is of the same essence as God the Father.

How does verse 2 re-emphasize these truths? 1:2

The Word was in existence in the beginning when everything else was created.

Application:

How does John's teaching on the Word relate to 'I AM'?

Only God, pre-existent to creation, could claim to be I AM. Jesus is I AM, the Word.

Are the truths of John 1:1 important to a believer? IIJn10:7-11

These are critical non-negotiable doctrines. Do not receive/greet false teachers re Christ.

Give some reasons why these are non-negotiable truths.
