

# *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.

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