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## The Original "I AM": Exodus 3

This text is all about God saying to the children of Israel:

I \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_

I am here \_\_\_\_\_

Hope is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_

## What's the big deal about I am?

I am the bread of life . . . permanent \_\_\_\_\_

I am the light of the world . . . permanent sight

I am the door of the sheep . . . permanent start

I am the good shepherd . . . permanent supervision

I am the resurrection and the life . . . permanent \_\_\_\_\_

I am the way, the truth, and the life . . . permanent safety

I am the true vine . . . permanent \_\_\_\_\_

## Week 1: “I am the bread of life”: John 6:1-40

**John 6:35: I am the bread of life.** Dr. Constable: The Jews regarded the real bread from heaven as the Law. Jesus did not say He \_\_\_\_\_ the bread of life but that He \_\_\_\_\_ that bread.

Bread is first mentioned in **Genesis 3:17-19**

Over 200 times in the Bible this word shows up

The basic ingredients are water, flour, and yeast

You eat, and you get hungry again

The root word for the word for bread is the word for ‘raised.’ Because bread \_\_\_\_\_ when it is finished.

**Ironside: Salvation is in a person, our Lord Jesus Himself. Remember when Simeon was worshipping in the temple and Mary and Joseph entered with the little Baby, and Simeon said, “There is the salvation of God,” and He hastened to the Baby and took Him in his arms and he said, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.” Yes, God’s salvation is in a person, and that person His own blessed Son. To receive Him is to be saved. To receive Him is to have life eternal.** It is not about the bread—it is about what the bread points to. It is not about the light—it is about what the light points to. It is not about the door. It is about what the door points to. All these things point to Jesus. Our God isn’t going anywhere.

## Application

1. God isn’t going anywhere
2. Earthly bread loaves you hungry
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

## Personalization

1. Trust Him
2. Stay \_\_\_\_\_
3. Stay \_\_\_\_\_

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**The background: John 7**

**John 7:2: Now the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.** The Feast of Tabernacles was an eight-day celebration where God commanded the Israelites to live in temporary huts/booths to remember their 40-year wandering in the desert. It is a look back at God’s provision and it is a celebration of Him. **John 7:14: Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.**

**John 8:2-11. Why did the religious leaders leave? Because of what they heard or because of what they saw?**

**John 8:12: Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**

Light

Genesis 1:1-5

Genesis 1:14-18

Exodus 13:21; 14:20

Job 38:1, 19, 24

Psalms 27:1

Psalms 104:2

Psalms 119:105: Light shows me where I \_\_\_\_\_ and shows me where I should \_\_\_\_\_

Terry Brown: Jesus wants you and I who are in darkness to see the reality of our lives (how bad things are \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us).

Ecclesiastes 2:13

Isaiah 60:19

Luke 15:8

2 Corinthians 11:14

Revelation 21:23

What will you do with the light? John Piper: It is Jesus or darkness. There is no third alternative.

## Application

1. Light is a prerequisite for \_\_\_\_\_
2. Distractions are coming (they may be religious in nature)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the light of the world

## Personalization

1. Get to know the Light of the world
2. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ on the light
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' light

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The background: John 9:1-10:6

Today's text: John 10:7-10

**7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

### Doors (partial list)

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. <a href="#">Genesis 4:1-7</a>   | 9. <a href="#">2 Chronicles 28:24</a>   | tomb in and an angel rolls it   |
| 2. <a href="#">Genesis 6:16</a>  | 10. <a href="#">2 Chronicles 29:3</a>   | back a few days later in  |
| 3. The Torah: tent doors and the door of the tabernacle                                    | 11. <a href="#">Nehemiah</a>  | <a href="#">Matthew 28:2</a>  |
| 4. <a href="#">Deuteronomy 6:1-9</a> commands the Israelites to write _____ on their doors | 12. <a href="#">Job 38:8-11</a> : God Himself describes bounding the _____ with doors   | 19. <a href="#">John 20:19</a>  |
| 5. <a href="#">Judges 11:29-40</a>   | 13. <a href="#">Psalm 84:10</a>   | 20. <a href="#">Acts 12:12-14</a>   |
| 6. <a href="#">Judges 19</a>   | 14. <a href="#">Proverbs 5:8</a>  | 21. <a href="#">Acts 14:27-28</a>   |
| 7. <a href="#">2 Samuel 11:9</a> : Uriah _____ at King David's door                        | 15. <a href="#">Proverbs 26:14</a>  | 22. <a href="#">Acts 16:25-27</a>   |
| 8. <a href="#">2 Kings 18:16</a>   | 16. <a href="#">Ezekiel</a>   | 23. <a href="#">1 Corinthians 16:9</a> , <a href="#">2 Corinthians 2:12</a> , and <a href="#">Colossians 4:3</a> : Paul describes opportunities for _____ the gospel as a door in |
|  | 17. <a href="#">Matthew 6:6</a>   | 24. <a href="#">Revelation 3:20</a>   |
|  | 18. <a href="#">Matthew 27:57-61</a> : A _____ was rolled up against the door of Jesus' |   |

How many doors have you gone through today?

### Application

- The Jesus door is \_\_\_\_\_ for believers ([Revelation 4:1](#))
- The Jesus door is \_\_\_\_\_ for unbelievers
- The Jesus door is the \_\_\_\_\_ door to God

### Personalization

- Believe \_\_\_\_\_
- Tell \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't chase \_\_\_\_\_ theology

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Today's text: John 10:11-15

**11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. **12** But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. **13** The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

### Shepherds

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 1. <b>Genesis 29:9:</b> The first mention of a shepherd in the Bible is a _____ shepherd            | 7. <b>2 Chronicles 18:16:</b> God refers to the scattered nature of the children of Israel as 'sheep having no _____' | 14. <b>Jeremiah 23:1-2:</b> God warns against _____ shepherds (perhaps Jesus was pointing the Pharisees back to this passage?) |
| 2. <b>Genesis 49:22-24</b>  | 8. <b>Psalms 23</b>   | 15. <b>Ezekiel 34:1-12, 23</b>   |
| 3. <b>Numbers 14:26-38</b>  | 9. <b>Psalms 78:71-72:</b> God _____ shepherds the children of Israel   | 16. <b>Amos 3:12</b>   |
| 4. <b>1 Samuel 17:40:</b> David places the five smooth stones in a _____ bag before killing Goliath | 10. <b>Psalms 80:1</b>  | 17. <b>Luke 2:8-12:</b> Shepherds hear of the birth of _____   |
| 5. <b>2 Samuel 5:2</b> and <b>1 Chronicles 11:2</b>   | 11. <b>Isaiah 38:</b>   | 18. <b>Acts 20:28</b>  |
| 6. <b>1 Chronicles 17:6</b>   | 12. <b>Isaiah 40:11</b>   | 19. <b>1 Peter 5:1-4</b>   |
|   | 13. <b>Jeremiah 3:14-15</b>   | 20. <b>Revelation 7:17</b>   |

### Application

- \_\_\_\_\_ have a job to do and an example to follow
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### Personalization

- Follow the good shepherd: \_\_\_\_\_
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## Week 5: "I am the resurrection and the life": John 11:25

The background: [John 11:1-24](#)

Today's text: [John 11:25](#)

**25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**

Epilogue: [John 11:38-44](#)

### Resurrections

Here are the resurrections in the Bible (that Jim could find):

1. [1 Kings 17:17-24](#): a young boy
2. [2 Kings 4:32-37](#): Shunammite woman's son
3. [2 Kings 13:20-21](#): a \_\_\_\_\_ man
4. [Matthew 9:18-26](#); [Mark 5:35-43](#); [Luke 40-56](#): daughter of Jairus
5. [Luke 7:11-17](#): a young man from Nain
6. [John 11:1-44](#): Lazarus
7. [Matthew 27:51-53](#): many \_\_\_\_\_
8. [Matthew 28:1-8](#); [Mark 16:1-8](#); [Luke 24:1-11](#); [John 20:1-10](#): Jesus
9. [Acts 9:36-43](#): Dorcas
10. [Acts 20:7-12](#): Eutychus

What later happened to these after their resurrections? They \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Jesus after His resurrection? He \_\_\_\_\_

### Application

1. Jesus' resurrection was \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus' resurrection was \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_ the resurrection

### Personalization

1. Stop looking for temporary solutions—trust \_\_\_\_\_
3. My hope of resurrection is in \_\_\_\_\_

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## Week 6: “I am the way, the truth, and the life”: John 14:6

### The background

Today’s text occurs at the table during the \_\_\_\_\_, just after Judas was dismissed

### Today’s text: John 14:6

**6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**David Guzik: In light of soon events, this declaration is a paradox: Jesus’ way would be the cross; He would be convicted by blatant \_\_\_\_\_; His body would soon lie \_\_\_\_\_ in a tomb.**

The use of the definitive article “the” in Greek is significant—as in, \_\_\_\_\_

Four questions asked before they left the Passover table:

- By \_\_\_\_\_ : **John 13:36-38: Where are you going? . . . Why can I not follow you now?**
- By \_\_\_\_\_ : **John 14:5: How can we know the way?**
- By \_\_\_\_\_ : **John 14:8: Show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.**
- By the other \_\_\_\_\_ : **John 14:22: How is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?**

Three of these questions would be answered by Jesus’ I am response. His answers are good yesterday, today, and forever!

**I am the way**

Thomas wanted to know about the end goal; Jesus wanted him to refocus on the way. **Expositor’s Bible Commentary: He is the way to the Father because only he has an intimate knowledge of God \_\_\_\_\_ by sin.**

**I am the truth**

It has become popular in our culture to believe “truth is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Peter Nathan** [on truth]

- The Hebrew term used in Exodus 34:6 . . . means “to be firm or sure”**
- The same Greek word in Exodus 34:6 as is used in John 1:14 and 17; it is the principal word for “truth” and “reality”**
- Romans 3:4**
- Satan, who is described as the father of lies (John 8:44). . . . Truth is clearly not just correct \_\_\_\_\_ . It also relates to how and to what end that knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_ .**
- It is also the revealing of our innermost being (John 3:21)**
- Is associated with the correct manner of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:23–24)**
- Is liberating (John 8:32). [It is our defense (Ephesians 6:13–14)]**
- It is a quality of God’s Holy Spirit (John 16:12–13)**
- It sanctifies us, or sets us apart, for the Father’s purposes (John 17:17–19)**

**I am the life**

Philip had insecurity about going forward in a future that was unknown; like Thomas, he wanted \_\_\_\_\_, and then he would be content. **Dr. D. James Fleming: The authenticity of our message is damaged when the lives of its champions are singularly \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Application**

1. **Cabasilas: He himself is the way, and in addition He is the lodging on the way and its destination**
2. Jesus is truth and His truth applied to us inside and out \_\_\_\_\_ us (belt of truth)
3. Jesus gives abundant life—allowing us to fulfil our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Personalization**

1. Rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus giving us one path to the Father
2. Practice truth and it will set you free (in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_); **Psalm 19:14**
3. Fully live with Him as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Your life

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## Week 7: “I am the true vine”: John 15:1, 5

### The background

The \_\_\_\_\_ room discourse spans **John 13-17**. Some topics include:

- Jesus identifying Judas as the betrayer (even though none of the other disciples ‘got it’)
- The ‘new commandment’ (love one another) and predicting Peter’s denial
- Jesus’ famous words from last week’s lesson, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life”**
- The unity and connectedness between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Love, how the world will hate them, more on the Holy Spirit, the joy that will come, and then describes how He has overcome the world
- Jesus finishes in **John 17** with a chapter-long prayer for His disciples and for us

**John 13-17** is a \_\_\_\_\_ conversation between Jesus and His disciples and represents what we think are Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ messages to them.

**Today’s text: John 15:1, 5**

**1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. . . . 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

**Vines**

1. **Genesis 9:19-29:** first mention = \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Deuteronomy 8:6-10:** God’s promise that the Promised Land would be \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Deuteronomy 32:32:** vines can be connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ source
4. **1 Kings 21:** Naboth’s vineyard
5. **Nehemiah 5:** the people were in debt over their vineyards
6. **Psalms 128:3:** vines are used as a euphemism for having children
7. **Proverbs 24:30-34:** what a lazy man’s vineyard looks like
8. **Proverbs 31:16:** what the **Proverbs 31** woman does
9. **Song of Solomon**
10. **Isaiah 5:** God’s disappointing vineyard
11. **Matthew 20, 21; Mark 12; Luke 13, 20:** \_\_\_\_\_ about vineyards
12. **Matthew 26, Mark 14; Luke 22; John 15:** the Lord’s Supper
13. **Revelation 14:17-20:** an angel ‘reaps’ a ‘harvest’ from a human vineyard

**Application**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is critical
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are critical
3. Jesus is the true vine
4. God isn’t going anywhere

**Personalization**

1. Get connected
2. Stay in relationship
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and bear fruit
4. Trust Him