

The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus

“I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life”

(John 14:6)

- Introduction:
1. People often make claims about themselves that cannot be substantiated.
 2. Ills. of a man who responded to the invitation.
 3. Many of the claims of Jesus are exclusive and fantastic.
 - a. Some immediately dismiss him and his claims.
 - b. But others examine his claims and place their trust in him.
 4. I hope we are all in the latter class as we examine another one of Jesus’ “I AM” statements.

I. The Anxiety of Being Alone

- A. (John 13:31-14:5).
- B. To understand chapter 14, we need to understand chapter 13.
- C. In chapter 13, Jesus...
 1. Washed his disciples’ feet (John 13:1-17).
 2. Identified his betrayer (John 13:18-30).
 3. Told his disciples he was going away (John 13:31-35).
- D. This had to have been a frightening revelation to them.
- E. Peter questions Jesus’ statement (John 13:36-38).
- F. Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled (John 14:1-5) because they know where he is going and how to get there.
- G. But Thomas replies that he doesn’t know where he is going nor how to get there (John 14:5).

II. Comfort in Jesus

- A. Jesus affirms that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- B. What are we to make of such claims?
- C. The life and ministry of Jesus were intended to validate his claims.
 1. His deity (Virgin birth, baptism, his fulfillment of prophecy).
 2. His truthfulness (confounded his opponents, always spoke the truth).
 3. His power (caused the deaf to hear, the blind to see, the lame to walk, and even raised the dead).

- Conclusion:
1. So, when he says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, I believe him!
 2. I don’t want you to blindly believe in Jesus, hoping he can do what he says?
 3. I want you to weigh the evidence, and based up that, make him the focal point of your life.