



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel  
John 21  
From Sermon 6.29. 25

Read *John 21:15-17*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: This concludes the magnificent Great I AM Gospel. Jesus now fully restores Peter (and the other Apostles), resets their priorities going forward, and commissions them to feed the future sheep. The final words in John can be profound and challenging. Like all other portions, they have been distorted or misinterpreted over the centuries. The diligent Bible student must always take Scripture in its intended context and in light of all other Scripture. When done correctly, John's Gospel concludes in a glorious and inspiring way—challenging us all to surrender everything to Christ.

1. From opening statement to closing statement, what was John's purpose in writing this unique Gospel? See *John 1:1-2 & 14 & John 20:30-31*. To proclaim, testify, and prove Jesus is Yahweh—the Great I AM of redemptive history. That He is God.

2. Testimony review: What are Jesus' 7 Great "I AM" Statements? I AM...

- The Bread of Life.
- The Light of the World.
- The Door of the Sheep.
- The Good Shepherd.
- The Resurrection and the Life.
- The Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- The True Vine.

2a. And, even more polarizing than those, what did Jesus say in *John 8:58*? Simply "I AM", the very same Name He gave to Moses on Mount Sinai.

2b. Which one do you cling to/rely on most? Various Personal Answers

3. What is the "Eternal Question" Jesus poses to all people in all times? Who do you say that I am?

3a. How many options are to that critical question? Only 2. He is who He says He is...or He is not.

4. What are some of the conditions and consequences of your verdict? A great cost. A personal price to die to self. A biblical, holy view of priorities, agenda, and ownership. A verdict of anything less than Christ being fully God/Yahweh carries the consequences of eternal separation from God in judgment.

5. Even as genuine believers, what things can we often and easily put ahead of Christ in our lives? Others, relationships, kids, jobs, comfort, safety, convenience, vices, sin, recreation, image, ...

5a. How do most "Christians" want to live out their faith? Ease. Quiet. Comfort. Secrecy. One foot in the world and one in the church. Shallow. Superficial. Jesus is fine for Sunday morning and my eternity. The rest is mine. I'll be a better committed Christian down the road—when life changes.

5b. Did/does Jesus ever allow for any of those? No. He demands our 100%

6. What have you learned from John's Gospel and what do you need to study further? Various Personal Answers