

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** September 29, 2019

**Series:** Jesus in the Present Tense

**Title:** I Am

**Text:** Selected Scriptures

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the Great I AM who offers us a satisfying spiritual life in the present tense.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Matthew 16:13-20. What are some common opinions people have toward Jesus today? How has your opinion of Jesus grown from what you first believed to what you believe today?

According to the following passages what did the people who were closest to Jesus believe about him?

- John the Baptist (John 1:34)
- Nathanael (John 1:49)
- The Samaritans (John 4:42)
- The Jewish leaders (John 5:18)
- The blind beggar (John 9:38)
- Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus (John 11:27)
- Thomas the apostle (John 20:28)

Why is it important to weigh what others have said about Jesus in light of what he said about himself?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

If someone were to ask you right now to tell them about Jesus, what would you say? How would you go about explaining the person and work of Christ? What passages would you use to paint a picture of who Jesus really is?

While some spiritual guides can say “I was,” only Jesus can say “I AM”. How are you encouraged by his continual presence in your life?

Why is remaining neutral or indifferent toward the identity of Jesus both impossible and unwise?

Think of moments or seasons in your life when you may struggle with spiritual indifference, apathy, and lethargy. What factors have led to these struggles? How should you approach these struggles differently in light of the fact that Jesus is alive this very moment and offers you a satisfying spiritual life *in the present tense*.

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Ask someone you know who may not know the Lord to tell you who they think Jesus is. Be prepared to listen to what they say, ask follow-up questions, and share what you know to be true about Jesus.