




“BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM”

JOHN 18:1-8





I AM
Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" John 8:58

- Describe this event
- Jesus' Statement
- An unusual circumstance
- Commentaries offer various explanations
- Miraculous repulsion
- Surprise and fear
- Reverence for the NAME
- The event is noted, but not explained



“I am the true vine”

JOHN 15:1-5



“I am the bread of life”

JOHN 6:35-48



“I am the way, the truth and the life”

JOHN 14:6



“I am the light of the world”

JOHN 8:12; 9:5

The seven **“I AM”** statements of Jesus



“I am the resurrection and the life”

JOHN 11:25



“I am the good shepherd”

JOHN 10:11-14



“I am the gate”

JOHN 10:7

“IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THAT I AM *HE*, YOU WILL DIE IN YOUR SINS.”



“ I AM ”

“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” (John 8:24)

- Jesus has already spoken two of the seven “I AM” statements.
 - I AM the Bread of Life – John 6:35-48
 - I AM the Light of the World – 8:12
- This discourse follows His dispute with the Pharisees
- They accused Him of false testimony (vs. 13)
- He defends His testimony (vss. 14-19)
- He speaks of going away (vss. 20-23)
- He asserts His necessity (vs. 24)

“WHEN YOU LIFT UP THE SON OF MAN, THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM *HE*”

- The Pharisees ask, “Who are You?” (vs. 25)
- This was a frequent question:
 - Of John (John 1:19, 22)
 - Of Jesus (John 10:24; Luke 22:67; Mat 26:63)
- Jesus asked His disciples (Matthew 16:15)
- Jesus said, “then you will know...”
- The Centurion knew! – Matthew 27:54
- If I am lifted up... - John 12:32

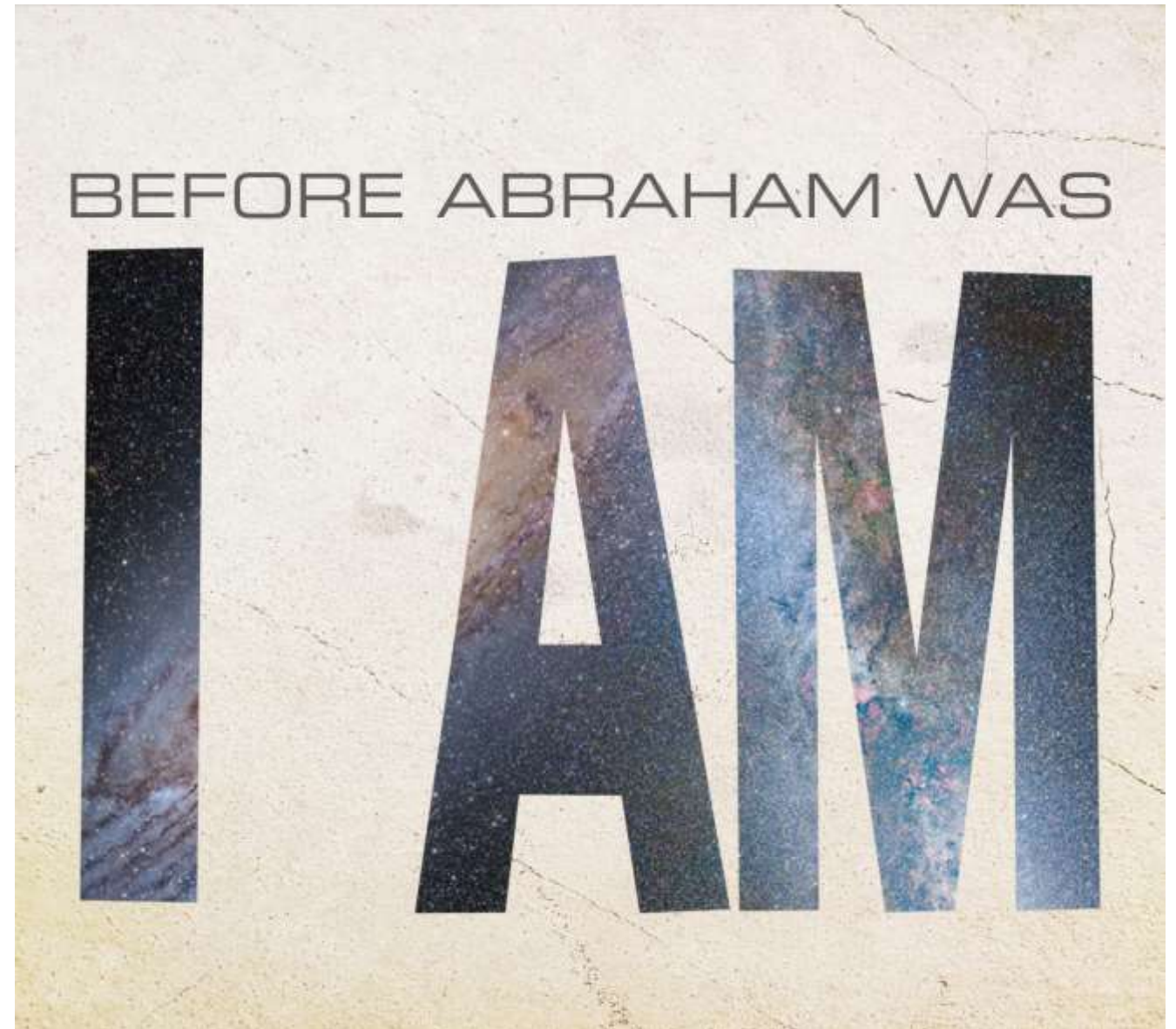


“MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM.”

- This is the continuation of this long, bitter discussion
- The truth will make you free - 32
- We are Abraham’s descendants – 33
- I know you are Abraham’s *descendants* – 37
- If you were Abraham’s children – 39
- You are of your father the devil – 44
- Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day - 56
- Have You seen Abraham? – 57
- Before Abraham was, I AM – 58
- Their reaction to His assertion - 59



- “Who are you seeking?
- The “I Ams” of Jesus
- “Do you believe WHO HE IS?”
- Do you know HE died for you?
- Will you obey the Great I AM?



“BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM”

- Whom Are You Seeking? I AM He. – John 18:1-8
- Review of the I AM statements of Jesus
- If you do not believe that I AM He you will die in your sins – John 8:24
- When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM He – John 8:28
- Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM. John 8:58

