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THE "I AM"
LESSON 5

The main theme of the gospel of John is to show the true identity of Jesus. It contains several of His "I AM" statements which we shall review.

We already studied John 1:1-3 where it highlights Jesus as God the Word. That was lesson 4 of the "[Who Do You Say I Am?](#)" series in the 7-12-2024 newsletter, so we shall move on to other references.

John chapter 4 relates the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan "woman at the well." When Jesus "read her mail" about her five husbands, it seriously caught her attention. She perceived him to be a prophet in verse 19. Then in verse 21 she acknowledged that Messiah, the Christ, would come and verse 25 says he would tell us all things. Jesus answered her, saying, "***I that speak unto thee am [he].***" [The "he" is not in the original scripture.]

To put this verse into current English, it would read, "***It is I AM that speaks unto you.***" He identified himself to her as Messiah, the Christ, the I Am.

She was so astounded that she went into the city to tell others about him. Many immediately came out to see him for themselves. Jesus continued teaching there for two days and many Samaritans believed on him. (Verses 41-42.)