

The Description Jesus Christ Gives of Himself

Introduction

- A. Christianity revolves around a Person – Jesus Christ the Son of God.
- B. It is imperative, if life is to make sense, that we recognize the importance of Jesus Christ.
- C. Jesus Christ referred to Himself as "The Key of Knowledge" in Luke 11:52

I. The Lord Jesus said, "I am He, the Christ," (John 4:26).

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He.

Observation: The woman at the well had just described the promised Messiah the Christ. The Lord Jesus confessed that He was that Messiah He is all the Old Testament stated He would be. He is our Prophet – to bring the revelation of God to us, our Priest – to offer Himself as our sacrifice, our King – to be our Lord and Master.

II. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life," (John 6:35).

And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life. He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, and he that believeth an Me shall never thirst.

Observation: God created man so that he would find fulfillment in his relationship to Himself. Sinful man is unfulfilled. When Jesus Christ referred to Himself as the Bread of Life He was reminding us that only He can satisfy the human heart.

III. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World," (John 8:12).

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the World. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Observation: What a great promise! Through an honest practical life of fellowship with Jesus Christ the Christian can learn a Biblical perspective of life.

IV. The Lord Jesus said, "Before Abraham was I am." (John 8:58).

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Observation: Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. Our faith as Christians is not in a man – but in the God-Man.

V. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Door of the Sheep," (John 10:7).

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the Sheep.

Observation: By this designation of Himself as the "Door" the Lord Jesus reminds us that entrance into the kingdom of God (forgiveness, fellowship with God, Heaven, etc.) is only through Him.

VI. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd," (John 10:11).

I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

Observation: All that a shepherd could be to his flock – the Lord Jesus Christ can be and will be infinitely that to the believer. His provision for us is the sacrifice of Himself in our place.

VII. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Son of God," (John 10:36).

Say ye of Him, Whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God?

Observation: It is a comfort to know that the One Who has come to rescue us – and Who has assumed responsibility for us– is the Son of God.

VIII. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," (John 11:25).

Jesus said unto her, I am the Resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Observation: From this affirmation the Christian knows that the sting of death has been removed for him. He will never suffer the penalty of death – even though he may die. And, he awaits the resurrection.

IX. The Lord Jesus said, "I am your Master and Lord," (John 13:13).

Ye call Me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am.

Observation: Since Jesus Christ is our Master and Lord we owe Him our full surrender and obedience. He is worthy of our trust and service.

X. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," (John 14:6).

Jesus saith unto Him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Observation: There is only one way to God – one source of truth – one source of life – it is all found in Jesus Christ.

XI. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the True Vine," (John 15:1).

I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman.

Observation: In contrast to all who professed to bring life, forgiveness and acceptance with God – Jesus Christ is the true source of grace.

Conclusion: The final "I am" is John 18:5;6 "I am Jesus of Nazareth." All the above provision is found in Jesus Christ Who was born our Savior.

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