




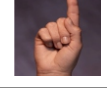



# GOSPEL OF JOHN – “I AM” STATEMENTS WITH METAPHOR

These 7 signs demonstrate the deity of Jesus Christ. None of these are found in the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John has 92% unique material not found in the Synoptic Gospels! Along with the phrase “I AM” Jesus uses metaphors to convey truths (bread, light, door, shepherd, resurrection (way, truth, life) and vine. There are other uses of the phrase, “I Am” employed in John's Gospel that are powerful statements concerning the Person of Christ's deity (Jn.8:58; 9:5; 10:36; 13:13, 9; 14:11, 20). The ones below in the chart are the passages that use the simple metaphors associated with the phrase, “I Am”.

	“I AM” METAPHORS	SIGNIFICANCE	
 <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>THE BREAD OF LIFE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” (Jn.6:35)</li> <li>• “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” (Jn.6:51)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son has the resources to meet all of man's needs</p> <p><b>[He gives us all we need]</b></p>	SUSTAINER	
 <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “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.” (Jn.8:12)</li> <li>• “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (Jn.9:5)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son has the power to overcome the darkness of sin in our lives.</p> <p><b>[He brings the energy of light into our dark world]</b></p>	ILLUMINATOR	
 <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>THE GATE OF THE SHEEP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.” (Jn.10:7)</li> <li>• “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” (Jn.10:9)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son (via His sinless life and sacrificial death) is the only way in which a man can enter the kingdom of God.</p> <p><b>[He brings us where we could not go]</b></p>	MEDIATOR	
 <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (Jn.10:11)</li> <li>• “I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” (Jn.10:14)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son is our Divine Shepherd (through His infinite resources) Who meets all our needs for guidance, care and protection.</p> <p><b>[He cares for us because we need it]</b></p>	CARE-TAKER	
 <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “<sup>25</sup>Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: <sup>26</sup>And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (Jn.11:25-26)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son has the power to raise the dead from the grave.</p> <p><b>[He brings us from death unto life eternal]</b></p>	LIFE-GIVER	
 <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “<sup>6</sup>Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. <sup>7</sup>If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.” (Jn.14:6-7)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son alone can bring us into the presence of His Father, can counter the lies of Satan with truth, and can give us eternal life.</p> <p><b>[He guides us through life's difficult ways]</b></p>	LEADER	
 <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>THE TRUE VINE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.” (Jn.15:1)</li> <li>• “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (Jn.15:5)</li> </ul>	<p>The Son (through the Holy Spirit) is the only source that enables His followers to be spiritually productive.</p> <p><b>[He makes us incredibly productive]</b></p>	SUCCESS-MAKER	