

JESUS, THE GREAT "I AM"

Scripture:

John 8:58
Revelation 1:8, 17-18

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Revelation 1:8, 17-18 NKJV "I am the Alpha and the Omega, <the> Beginning and <the> End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

{17} And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. {18} "I <am> He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Introduction

Jesus made some outlandish claims about himself. Of them, this was the hardest for men to swallow. He claims to be the eternal one, the Great "I AM."

I. His claims

John 17:5 NKJV "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

A. I am the Eternal One

John 8:58 NKJV Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

B. I am the Resurrected One

John 11:25 NKJV Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

C. I am the Victorious One

Revelation 19:11-16 NKJV Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him <was> called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. {12} His eyes <were> like a flame of fire, and on His head <were> many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. {13} He <was> clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. {14} And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. {15} Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. {16} And He has on <His> robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

II. The significance of His claims to you

Colossians 2:15 NKJV Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it (NIV: triumphing over them by the cross).

A. He will put our old life to death and give us new life

Romans 6:4 NKJV Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

B. Your future is secure in His hands

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you

hope and a future."

C. He is victorious over your circumstances

Romans 8:37 NKJV Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

III. He holds the keys

Revelation 1:18 NKJV "I <am> He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Matthew 16:19 NKJV "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

A. The keys to our very existence are in His hands

Hebrews 4:13 NKJV And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things <are> naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we <must give> account.

B. He has given us the keys to enter the gates of hell and seize control of (our) lives

Matthew 16:18 NKJV "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

1. The key to your dysfunction
2. The key to your habits
3. The key to your future success

Conclusion

Romans 8:32 NKJV He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?