

**I Am**  
**Before Abraham Was, I Am**  
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John 8:48-59; Exodus 3:1-15

**Big Idea: Jesus is the embodiment of Yahweh, the eternal God who created all things.**

**John 8:53, 56-59**

- **Jesus: “Before Abraham was, I am.”**

- **Do you believe in God?**

- **Elohim: god, gods, or supernatural beings**

For more information, see the “Elohim” video by the Bible Project at [BibleProject.com/explore/video/Elohim](https://BibleProject.com/explore/video/Elohim)

**Exodus 20:2-3; Daniel 10:13; Ephesians 6:12**

- **Yahweh: The personal God of Israel, the creator of all things, the only eternal, uncreated being.**  
**Exodus 3:13-15; John 8:58-59**
- **Jesus is the embodiment of Yahweh, the eternal God who created all things.**

## Message Questions

This Sunday begins a 7-week series in the “I Am” statements of Jesus. When Jesus arrives, he uses several different ideas to teach us the way that he is the culmination of the story God has been telling, but among the clearest are the “I Am” statements found in John’s Gospel. Just as God revealed himself to Moses through the burning bush by telling Moses to call him “I Am Who I Am,” Jesus reveals himself to us through these seven “I Am” statements. And what we decide to believe about who Jesus is may just be the most important thing about us. This Sunday, the big idea is, *Jesus is the embodiment of Yahweh, the eternal God who created all things*. Our passages are **Exodus 3:1-15; Daniel 10:13; John 8:48-59; and Ephesians 6:12**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Share a time when you asked someone if they believed in God (or someone asked you)? Were any other gods or supernatural beings discussed?
2. Read **John 8:48-59**. What tensions do you see in this text? How does Jesus’ response in **vs. 58** claim deity, which caused the people to pick up stones to stone him?

3. Have someone read **Exodus 3:11-15**. How do you describe God's personal name, Yahweh?
4. Pastor Wyatt talked about how the God who holds the universe in place wants intimacy with you. How can you **grow** in that intimacy with Jesus? How do you differentiate between knowing about God and having a deep, intimate, and formational relationship with him?
5. Jesus is the embodiment of Yahweh, the eternal God who created all things. How does your personal and intimate relationship with Jesus give you the boldness to **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do?