

**Whenever Jesus refers to himself as “\_\_\_\_\_” He is saying something extremely significant!**

*Exodus 3<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”<sup>[c]</sup> This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*

**John ‘s gospel flows with \_\_\_\_\_ of these “I AM’s” and are some of the most effective and useful verses in the Bible!**

*John 8<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

***I am the Light of the World***

- **Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness**

1. **Darkness of a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ world!**
2. **Darkness of b\_\_\_\_\_!**
3. **Darkness of the E\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_!**

**They all have “d\_\_\_\_\_” in common!**

- **But will have the Light of Life!**

**Life becomes a personal possession because of the Light that is a “who”! Life bears f\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Relationship with “\_\_\_\_\_” equals Life!**

**Darkness Attacks :**

**1st Deception— Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_!**

*John 8<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.”<sup>23</sup> But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.<sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.”<sup>25</sup> “Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied.<sup>26</sup> “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.”<sup>27</sup> They didn’t grasp that he was telling them about his Father*

**Watch out for the deception of the “box”!**

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**The 2nd Deception—“P\_\_\_\_\_”!**

*John 8<sup>31 - 33</sup> They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”*

*<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.<sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.<sup>37</sup> I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.<sup>38</sup> I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.”*

*<sup>39</sup> “Abraham is our father,” they answered.*

**The 3rd Deception— “The Father of L\_\_\_\_\_”!**

*John 8<sup>43</sup> Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.<sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

*<sup>45</sup> Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!<sup>46</sup> Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?<sup>47</sup> Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”...*

*<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”<sup>57</sup> “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”<sup>58</sup> “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”<sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him,*

**Light responds:**

**“Before all other sources of authority, identity, hope, validity..... that you might claim—before all of them.....**

**”\_\_\_\_\_”!**

**Surrender and Receive Life—Denial delivers Death!**