

Whenever Jesus refers to himself as “_____” He is saying something extremely significant! John ‘s gospel flows with _____ of these “I AM’s” and are some of the most effective and useful verses in the Bible!

Exodus 3¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

John 11¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.”²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

In this amazing story we get some insight into

- _____ Jesus is and how He presents Himself,
- _____ “believing in Him” looks like in a real life sort of way,
- _____ this thing called “Life” really works with the possibility of truly being “ALIVE” while doing life!

Jesus continuously points people to His _____ as the key. “HE” is the important thing not just the _____ He brings or the promise of a favorable future!

He takes Martha’s hope farther than the default of unaccountable futuristic theology and into His present _____!

He asks her to _____ by receiving Him fully for Who He is _____ she sees the miracle!

What does LIFE in Jesus look like on,

- On good days
- On normal days
- On really “deathly” sort of days!

SURRENDER and RECEIVE and ACT like it!

Ask “JESUS HELP ME” all along!