

Jesus said:
"I am..."

	Who is Jesus?	What is he offering?	How to respond?
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Jesus said:
“I am the bread of life”
John 6:35

Background

What is a Gospel?

Who is John?

Why did John write this Gospel? (see John 20:30-31)

The story so far...

Read John 6:1-14

1. What has Jesus done?
2. Who do the people think he is? (See also Deuteronomy 18:15,18)

Read John 6:22-29

3. Why have the people followed Jesus?
4. What does Jesus mean in verse 27?
5. What does Jesus tell them they must do?

Read John 6:30-50

6. What do the people ask for? Who are they comparing Jesus to?
7. What is Jesus offering?

8. Why do you think Jesus uses the metaphor of bread?

9. What is the Father's will for Jesus?(v39) What is the Father's will for the people?(v40)

10. Are you doing the Father's will? What promise is here for you?

11. What objection do the Jews have?

12. In verse 45 Jesus quotes Isaiah 54:13. Look up Isaiah 54. What is God promising to Israel? What then is Jesus claiming about himself?

13. In what ways is Jesus showing he is better than Moses?

Read John 6:51-59

14. What does Jesus mean by eating his flesh and eating his blood?
(Remember v35, 40)

15. How can we explain this passage to those who think it is talking about the mass?

16. Jesus says he is the one who sustains and satisfies. Where else do we sometimes look for satisfaction in life? How can we help each other look to Jesus?

Jesus said:
"I am the light of the world"
John 8:12

Background

Jesus has gone to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. His teaching has caused quite a commotion. The rulers are more determined than ever to silence him. The people are curious, and some are coming to believe he is the Christ (John 7:40-43).

Now let's see what Jesus says

Read John 8:12

1. What is Jesus claiming about himself?
2. What is he offering?
3. What do you think he means?

Let's see what Jesus has said before about light and darkness

Read John 3:16-21

4. Why do people prefer darkness to light?

Let's see what John has already written about the Light

Read John 1:1-14

5. What does John tell us about Jesus here? (Try to find at least 5 things)

Let's see what the Old Testament has said about this?

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

6. Who is the light and who is he for?

Read Isaiah 49:1-7

7. Who is the light and who is he for?

Read Isaiah 60:1-3

8. Who is the light and who is he for?

Read Proverbs 4:18-19

9. How does this proverb help us understand Jesus' words?

Let's see what the New Testament says about this

Read Revelation 21:23-25

10. In the new creation, what is the source of light?

Read Ephesians 5:8-14

11. What were we once? What are we now?

12. How then are we to live?

13. If we believe that Jesus is the light of the world, what difference will that make to our evangelism?

14. If we believe that Jesus is the light of the world, what difference will that make to our relationships?

15. If we believe that Jesus is the light of the world, what difference will that make to our behaviour?

Jesus said:
"I am the gate"
John 10:7
"I am the good shepherd"
John 10:11

Background

In John chapter 9, we read that Jesus heals a man born blind. He does this on the Sabbath, so some of the Pharisees become very angry. Again the people are divided over who Jesus is. The man who had been blind comes to see who Jesus really is, but the leaders refuse to.

Read John 10:1-10

1. What is Jesus saying about himself?
2. What is he offering?
3. What do you think he means?

How does this saying of Jesus help us answer those who say there are many paths to God?

How does this passage help us understand why some people hear the Gospel but reject it?

Read John 10:11-21

4. What is Jesus saying about himself?
5. What will he do for his sheep?
6. What does the Father think about this?
7. Who are the "other sheep" in verse 16?

Let's see what the Old Testament has said about this.

Read Ezekiel 34:1-16

8. Who are the bad shepherds? What have they done?

9. What promises does God make to Israel?

Back to John chapter 10

10. What is Jesus saying about the Jewish leaders of his time?(v8)

11. Who is he claiming to be?

Read John 10:22-29

12. What promises does Jesus make about his sheep?

13. How has Jesus been a good shepherd to you?

14. In the NT we can see this shepherd/sheep analogy being applied to Christian leaders (John 21:15-17; 1Peter 5:1-4). How does this help us to pray for our leaders?

Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection and the life"
John 11:25

Read John 11:1-16

1. Describe the relationship between Jesus and this family.
2. Why does Jesus delay?
3. What are the disciples concerned about?
4. What do you think Jesus means in verses 9 & 10?

Read John 11:17-27

5. What is Martha asking for?
6. What is Jesus saying about himself?
7. What is he offering?
8. What do we learn from Martha's reply? (See also John 5:24-29)

Let's see what the Old Testament has said about this.

Read Daniel 12:1-3

9. What would Martha have been expecting?

Back to John 11:28-37

10. What makes Jesus cry?

11. What do the responses of the Jews show us they think about Jesus?

Read John 11:38-53

Whatever Martha was expecting, it wasn't this!

12. Why does Jesus bring Lazarus back from the dead? (v42,44, recall v4)

13. Describe the different reactions to this miracle.

A bit more about life and death...

Read Ephesians 2:1-5

Philippians 1:21-23

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

14. How do these verses help us better understand Jesus' words: "He who believes in me shall live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25,26)?

15. Do you believe Jesus is the resurrection and the life?

16. What difference does this make when faced with death?

17. What difference does it make to how you live?

Jesus said:
“I am the way, the truth, and the life”
 John 14:6

Recall, what have we already learnt about Jesus?

John 1:14	
John 6:35	
John 8:12	
John 10:7,9	
John 10:11	
John 11:25,26	

We pick up the story today at the end of the chapter 13. It is the night before Jesus' death. He has arranged a special dinner with his closest followers, and he has much to teach them before the night is through. Judas has just left the dinner to put into action his plan to betray Jesus. He has gone out into the night.

Read John 13:31-14:6

1. Where is Jesus going?

2. Why can't the disciples follow him?

3. What does Jesus claim about himself?

4. *How do these verses help us answer those who say there are many ways to God?*

Read John 14:7-31

5. What do we learn about the relationships between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?

6. Would Jesus leaving have felt like a good thing? Why is it good for the disciples that Jesus is going to the Father?

7. What does Jesus command his disciples to do? (13:34, 14:23)

8. What is “new” about this command?

9. What is the connection between love and obedience for Jesus?

10. What is the connection between love and obedience for the disciples?

11. *How does knowing Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life help us when our hearts are troubled?*

12. *When is it difficult to obey Jesus? How do the gift of the Spirit and the knowledge of the Father’s love help us be obedient?*

Jesus said:
"I am the vine"
John 15:1,5

Read John 15:1-3

1. What is Jesus saying about himself?
2. What does he say his Father does?
3. What does he say about his disciples? (See Ephesians 5:25-27)
4. What do you think Jesus means?

Let's see what the Old Testament has said about this.

Read Isaiah 5:1-7

5. Who is the vineyard?
6. What is God going to do? Why?
7. How does this passage help us understand Jesus' words that he is the true vine?

Back to John 15:4-17

8. What does Jesus say about himself?
9. How does he describe the disciples?

10. Think together about the vine/branch relationship. What does this mean for us?

11. What does Jesus want the disciple to do?

12. How do we do this? (v7, 10, 12, 13)

13. What does Jesus give us? (v7, 9, 11, 15)

14. What is the fruit that will last?

15. How can we help each other to abide/remain in Jesus?

Share with the group one thing you have appreciated more about Jesus as a result of these studies.