

THE SEVEN I AM'S in John

When reading the Gospel records, we easily see the multitudes that followed Jesus.

But are these real followers because of His miracles, or because of what He preached or because of His dynamic personality? We see there is a big difference in being a mere fan of Jesus and a disciple of Jesus. A disciple enjoys a closer relationship with his Lord and Master. On the other hand, a fan has an impersonal relationship and is often unknown by the person he follows and idolizes... Who is

Jesus to us? Are we His disciple or are we just His fan? Today we will see something very familiar to us. We shall see seven things Jesus said about Himself in the Gospel of John.

Jesus said (John 6:35) I AM the bread of life

As bread or any food is essential to our physical bodies, so is Jesus to our life. All that is in the world – wealth, power, luxuries – never satisfy completely. All these are left behind when they bury us in the grave. Without Jesus, the Bread of Life, bodies of men will perish from spiritual hunger!

Jesus said (John 9:5) I AM the light of the world

Until Jesus returns, this old world is in spiritual and moral darkness (I John 5:19). If there is someone quite familiar with darkness, it has to be a blind man. Even if he faces the noonday sun, he will never see a shade of light for his eyes have lost the ability to receive light and see things! Sadly, there are millions of people who see with their physical eyes but are blind to spiritual things. Spiritual blindness is caused by sin and Satan (II Cor. 4:4). It can only be cured by Jesus, the Light of the World. He that abides in Christ shall not walk in darkness but will see the glory of God's kingdom!

Jesus said (John 10:9) I Am the door

If we are to believe the Bible, it is not Peter that has a gate to heaven. The truth is that 12 angels guard the 12 gates of the Heavenly City (Rev. 21:12).

There is no other entrance, no other door to heaven but the Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus said I Am the good shepherd (John 10:11)

David said “The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1). The good shepherd watches the flock with care. He will give his life for his sheep, if necessary. Are we a sheep of Jesus? John 10:27-28 makes it clear who the sheep are.

Jesus said I Am the true vine (John 15:1, 5)

As the branches cannot live and bear fruit apart from the trunk, even so the believer cannot do anything with success without Christ. Jesus, the True Vine, is the source of all spiritual fruit, blessing, growth, and prosperity.

Jesus said I Am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

Jesus came to seek and save sinners. He came to give life more abundantly (John 10:10). Our life came from God and it will return to God. Jesus not only has the power to resurrect the dead but He himself IS the Resurrection and the Life! The fact that Jesus mentioned resurrection from the dead proves that physical death and the grave are not the end but rather just the beginning! Where we will you spend eternity?

Jesus said I Am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

There is only one way to God’s Kingdom; but there are so many ways leading to death and the grave (Proverbs 16:25). There is only one truth – the word of God (Jesus and the Holy Bible) not religion. Salvation and eternal life are found only through the person of Jesus Christ! Life can only be our possession by God’s gracious free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23). Anyone who disregards these words of Jesus will be lost, and will perish in the fire that burns up all evil.

Jesus in John tells us who He is. We can be His sheep, His disciple and it all begins by truly repenting of our sins and living in the faith of Jesus.