

JESUS MADE SOME GREAT CLAIMS

Exodus 3:14 John 8:56-58 "...I AM..."

Introduction: All through the centuries there have been men making great claims of who they were and only an insane person or an actor/pretender would ever claim to be "God." Yet Jesus made that very claim in many various ways. Was he one of those pretenders? Was he one who was insane or was/is He really God in the flesh?

HERE ARE SOME OF THE GREAT CLAIMS JESUS MADE:

1. "I am" the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)

- *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by through me."*
- Jesus claimed that He was the only way to heaven.
- Jesus claimed that He was the only one who never sinned.
- Jesus claimed that He was the source of eternal life.
- It is a well known fact that only God can make such claims as these.

2. "I am" the Door." (John 7:9)

- *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."*
- Jesus made it clear that he was the door and there was no other through which a person can enter eternity.
- Only God has that authority and power.

3. "I am" the Light of the World." (John 8:12)

- *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*
- Jesus made it clear that there is no other source to go to to have eternal life.
- Once again, only God can make such a claim.

4. "I am" the Good Shepherd." (John 10:14)

- *"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."*
- Jesus made it clear that certain ones belong to Him and He knows them well and they know Him well.
- Only God can make that claim.

5. "I am" the Bread of Life." (John 6:35)

- *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."*
- Jesus again made it clear that only He can give eternal life and satisfy the needs of man.
- Only God can make that claim.

6. "I am" the Resurrection and the Life." (John 11:25)

- *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet he shall live."*

- Jesus made it clear that only He could raise the dead and give eternal life.
- Only God can make that claim.

7. "I am" the True Vine." (John 15:5)

- *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*
- Jesus made it clear that without Him, life is meaningless and empty.
- Only God can make that claim.

8. "I am" the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty God." (Revelation 1:8)

- *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and was and who is to come, the Almighty."*
- Jesus made it clear that there was no one before Him and there is no one after, nor like Him.
- Only God can make such a claim.

9. "I am" the First and the Last." (Revelation 1:7)

- *"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me saying to me, 'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.' I am He who lives, and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore. Amen, and I have the keys of Hades and of Death."*
- Jesus made it clear that He has always been and has absolute authority over life and death.
- Only God can make that claim.

10. "I am" He." (Exodus 3:14; John 8:24)

- *"I am that I am...thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.' Therefore (said Jesus) I say unto you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM HE, you will die in your sins."*
- Jesus made it clear that He was (and still is) the great "I AM" of the Israelites, the one and only God.
- Only God can make that claim.

11. "I am" He who searches the Minds and Hearts." (Jeremiah 17:10; John 21:17)

- *"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."*
- *"Peter answering, said, 'Lord, You know all things.'"*
- Jesus made it clear that He knew the hearts and thoughts of men.
- Only God can make that claim.

12. "I am" coming Quickly." (Revelation 3:11, John 5:24)

- *"Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown"*
- *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come unto judgment, but has passed from death into life."*

- Jesus made it clear that he was going to be man's final judge and that He was coming quickly to do it.
- Only God can make that claim.

13. "I am" the Giver of the Living Water." (John 4:14)

- *"...but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."*
- Jesus made it clear that He was the source of eternal life.
- Only God can make that claim.

14. "I Am Who I Am." (Exodus 3:14; John 8:56,58)

- *"And God said to Moses, 'I Am Who I Am.' Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I Am has sent me to you.'"*
- *"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad (said Jesus)... Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*
- Jesus made it clear that He and God were the same.
- Who would make such a claim?

CONCLUSION:

1. If every Word in the Bible is God inspired, thus true, then what Jesus claims is also true.
2. Jesus made these claims and then left it to the hearer to decide if what He said was true or not.
3. Many left off following Jesus because of such claims. Many stayed, not understanding everything He said, but believing what He claimed was true.
4. The same is still true today. Each person is left to his/her own conscience to believe what/who Jesus claimed to be and to be able to do.
5. Today many do not believe Jesus' claims, but thankfully many do and those who do believe are given eternal life just like Jesus promised He could and would do.