



Exodus 3:14 “I am who I am”

- ❖ Read Exodus 3:1-15 Moses and the Burning Bush

Write in your own words what you have learned about God from His response to Moses in Exodus 3:14, “I am who I am”.

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The last verse of this reading says, “This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

- ❖ How important is it to God’s people to know who He is?

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During the next eight weeks we are going to look at the “I AM” declarations of Jesus that describe who Jesus is and what that means to us.

- ❖ Read John 8:31-59

In this passage, Jesus is debating those Jews who had believed what He had said (verse 31) and yet their response to His words indicates clearly that they still rejected His claims and His teachings. Read once again Jesus’ words in verse 58 and their response in verse 59.

- ❖ Do you think there is a connection between the words of Jesus in verse 58 and the Words of God in Exodus 3:14?

When Jesus tells the Jews, “Before Abraham was born, I am!” He is declaring the same thing God declared to Moses. That He is eternal, the first and the last. That He is so above us and even Abraham that He is the “I AM”. I believe that is why the Jews were so quick to want to stone Him because they knew He was claiming to be the eternal God.

- ❖ What does this claim of Jesus tell you about Him?  
He was before all men. He is above all men. He is our creator and our God.

Even though the Jews in this story “believed him” (v31) it is recorded in verse 59 that they picked up stones to kill him. Obviously they didn’t like the message Jesus had delivered. Jesus says in John 8:31, “if you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples.”

- ❖ Has Jesus told you anything about your life, your priorities, your character or values that don’t align with Him? Do you hold on so tightly that you would prefer to stone Him rather than accept and obey His words?

Let people wrestle with this question. We may not see ourselves stoning Jesus but we certainly should see ourselves as disobedient and defiant.

Sometimes I think we hear what Jesus tells us but because we don’t like what He says we ignore Him. In essence we are being like the Jews in this story. We don’t like what we hear so we want to silence the messenger. But this time the messenger is God.

Jesus went on to say in verse 31, “then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

- ❖ Were the Jews listening to Him, set free? Why not?

Jesus said if you hold to my teaching you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. They did not hold to His teachings. They rejected His teachings and so they lost out and being set free.

- ❖ Are there areas of your life you need to be set free from? What will be required of you according to John 8:31?

Jesus said if the Son sets you free you are free indeed (v36). He said we are to hold to His teachings so that we might know the Truth and be set free by the Truth. Individuals need to come to grips with allowing Jesus to be real and powerful in their lives. To submit to His words of truth and obey allowing the grace of truth to set them free from everything that holds them captive.

Allow people to share and pray for one another.

Daily Reading Plan through the Gospel of John

- Day 1 – Memory Verse: Exodus 3:14
- Day 2 – John 1:1-18
- Day 3 – John 1:19-34
- Day 4 – John 1:35-51
- Day 5 – John 2:1-12
- Day 6 – John 2:13-24
- Day 7 – John 3:1-21