

Who Is Jesus to You?

Devotional for Nov. 11: The Great I AM

Reading: Exodus 3:1-15; John 8:48-59

When Moses encountered God at the burning bush, he asked for God's name. The answer was profound: "I AM." Centuries later, Jesus boldly declared, "Before Abraham was, I AM," claiming this divine identity for Himself. This wasn't just religious rhetoric—it was a declaration that shook the religious establishment to its core. The religious leaders understood exactly what Jesus meant, and they considered it blasphemy worthy of death.

Today, consider what it means that Jesus is the great I AM. He is not a distant deity or merely a good teacher—He is the eternal, unchanging God who stepped into human history. How does recognizing Jesus as the I AM change your perspective on your current circumstances? When you face uncertainty, remember that the One who holds all things together is present with you. The I AM doesn't just exist in eternity; He exists in your today.

Devotional for Nov. 12: Fully God, Fully Human

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:14-18

The early church wrestled deeply with a mystery that still challenges us today: How could Jesus be both fully God and fully human? This wasn't an academic exercise—it was a matter of faith and life. Jesus didn't merely appear human like some divine apparition. He experienced real hunger, genuine sorrow, physical pain, and actual death. Yet in all this, He remained fully God.

This mystery matters for your life today. Because Jesus is fully God, He has the power to save, heal, and transform. Because He is fully human, He understands your struggles, temptations, and pain. You don't serve a distant deity who observes your suffering from afar. You serve One who entered into human experience, who knows what it means to be weary, rejected, and heartbroken. Whatever you're facing today, Jesus understands—not theoretically, but experientially. Bring your whole self to the One who is fully God and fully human.

Devotional for Nov. 13: Seeing the Father

Reading: John 14:1-14; Colossians 1:15-20

Philip's request seems reasonable: "Lord, show us the Father." Yet Jesus' response reveals something extraordinary: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." For centuries, humanity had wondered what God was truly like. Philosophers debated, prophets proclaimed, and people imagined. Then Jesus came, and the invisible God became visible.

What does God look like? Look at Jesus welcoming children. Look at Jesus touching lepers. Look at Jesus weeping at Lazarus' tomb. Look at Jesus forgiving those who crucified Him. This is what God is like. Not a distant, angry deity waiting to condemn, but a loving Father who pursues relationship with His children. Today, examine your mental image of God. Does it align with Jesus? If you've been afraid of God's judgment, look at how Jesus treated sinners. If you've doubted God's compassion, watch Jesus heal the sick. Your understanding of God should be shaped by Jesus, because in Him, we see the Father perfectly revealed.

Devotional for Nov. 14: Lunatic, Liar, or Lord?

Reading: Mark 2:1-12; John 10:22-39

C.S. Lewis famously argued that Jesus' claims leave us with only three options: He was either a lunatic who falsely believed He was God, a liar who deliberately deceived people, or He truly is Lord. There's no comfortable middle ground where Jesus is merely a "good moral teacher." Good moral teachers don't claim to be God.

This trilemma demands a response from each of us. You cannot remain neutral about Jesus. His claims are too significant, too personal, too absolute. He claimed authority to forgive sins—something only God can do. He accepted worship—something only God deserves. He promised eternal life—something only God can give. Today, honestly examine your response to Jesus. Have you truly accepted Him as Lord, or have you created a more comfortable version of Jesus that fits your preferences? The real Jesus—the one who claimed divine authority—calls for total surrender, not casual admiration. Who is Jesus to you? Your answer to this question shapes everything.

Devotional for Nov. 15: Lunatic, Liar, or Lord?

Reading: James 2:14-26; Matthew 7:21-27

The early Christians didn't just debate theology in private—they discussed Jesus in the marketplace, in everyday conversations, in the ordinary moments of life. Their faith wasn't compartmentalized into Sunday worship; it permeated everything. The question that should challenge us today is this: Does your life reflect who you say Jesus is?

If Jesus is truly Lord—the great I AM, fully God and fully human, the perfect revelation of the Father—then how should that truth impact your Monday morning, your financial decisions, your relationships, your priorities? It's possible to have correct theology but unchanged lives. Jesus warned about those who call Him "Lord, Lord" but don't do what He says. Today, examine the gap between your stated beliefs and your lived reality. Where do your actions contradict your confession? Where does your schedule reveal different priorities than your prayers? Authentic faith in Jesus as Lord transforms not just what we believe, but how we live. Let your life become a testimony to the Jesus you proclaim.