

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



AN INTRODUCTION TO DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

“I AM” Sayings of Jesus in the Gospel According to John: An Introduction

Jesus is a towering figure in human life and in many quarter of the globe. Little is known of his early life apart from having been a village craftsman in wood, in association with his mother’s husband. What we know of his brief public career is largely confined to his teaching and the events of the last week of his life. There is a fairly lengthy account of his las days and hours in the four gospel, which are also the source of what he taught publicly.

Within the gospel of John are located the “I AM” sayings of Jesus, those portions of Scripture where Jesus attributes to himself his own understandings of the varieties of his purpose and role in God’s good news, how Jesus is the Good News of God.

Our theme for the online daily devotionals during Lent 2021 are the “I AM” sayings in the Gospel of John. Broadly and commonly, they are considered to be the following:

I am the bread of life/living bread (John 6.35, 41, 48, 51)

I am the light of the world (John 8:12; see also 9:5)

I am the gate of the sheepfold (John 10: 7, 9)

I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14)

I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

I am the vine/true vine (John 15:1, 5)

On Monday of each full week during Lent, there will be a brief commentary offered on the “I AM” saying of Jesus for that particular week in Lent. From Tuesday through Friday, we will hear from members and staff reflecting on that same “I AM” saying of Jesus and its connection to other places in the holy text of Scripture. On Saturday, there will be a special musical reflection on that week’s “I AM” text, and on the Sundays in Lent, we will be reminded to join in the morning worship of our Lord through First Presby.

Thank you for checking-in and connecting every day with the
2021 Online Daily Devotional for Lent.

