



I AM: Believing in His Name

A Lenten Devotional Guide

How to Use This Guide

- Set aside a specific time each day for reading and reflection
- Begin with prayer, asking God to speak through His Word
- Read the passage slowly and thoughtfully
- Reflect on the question for the day
- Journal your thoughts and prayers
- Use Saturday's question to review and synthesize the week's insights
- Share your insights with others in your small group or family

Note on Holy Week: Additional readings and reflections will be provided for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus as "the Resurrection and the Life," bringing our Lenten journey to its joyful culmination.

Week 1 (March 3-9) - "I AM WHO I AM"

Monday - The God Who Reveals

Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Reflection Question: How does God's self-revelation as "I AM" shape your understanding of His character and presence in your life?

Wednesday - The Claims of Christ

Reading: John 8:48-59

Reflection Question: What does Jesus' declaration "before Abraham was, I AM" tell us about His relationship to the Father?

Friday - True Belief

Reading: John 20:24-31, James 2:14-20

Reflection Question: What distinguishes saving faith from mere intellectual belief?

Saturday - Weekly Application

What has the Lord revealed to you this week in your reading, and what questions are still lingering?

Week 2 (March 10-16) - "I am the Light of the World"

Monday - Light and Judgment

Reading: John 8:1-11

Reflection Question: How does Jesus' light expose both sin and grace in this passage?

Wednesday - Following the Light

Reading: John 8:12-30

Reflection Question: How can you tell whether you are walking in darkness or in the light?

Friday - Seeing is Believing

Reading: John 9:1-12

Reflection Question: Why does John put this story of Jesus healing a blind man after the statement about being the Light of the World? How does this story illuminate Jesus' claim?

Saturday - Weekly Application

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Week 3 (March 17-23) - "I am the Bread of Life"

Monday - Physical and Spiritual Hunger

Reading: John 6:1-15

Reflection Question: Where do you see people trying to satisfy spiritual hunger with physical solutions?

Wednesday - True Bread from Heaven

Reading: John 6:25-40

Reflection Question: How is Jesus different from the manna God provided in the wilderness? What does that mean for you?

Friday - Eating and Drinking

Reading: John 6:41-59

Reflection Question: What does it mean to "feed on" Christ as the bread of life? Why would He teach something that He knew might turn people away?

Saturday - Weekly Application

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Week 4 (March 24-30) - "I am the Gate", "I am the Good Shepherd"

Monday - The True Gate

Reading: John 10:1-10

Reflection Question: What false "gates" do people try to use to reach God? What does Jesus mean by offering "abundant life"?

Wednesday - Ancient Shepherd

Reading: Numbers 27:15-23, Ezekiel 34:1-10

Reflection Question: What qualities make a good shepherd according to these passages?

Friday - Abundant Life

Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, John 10:11-21

Reflection Question: How does Jesus fulfill God's promise to shepherd His people?

Saturday - Weekly Application

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Week 5 (March 31-April 6) - "I am the True Vine"

Monday - Abiding in Christ

Reading: John 15:1-8

Reflection Question: What does it mean to "abide" in Jesus?

Wednesday - Bearing Fruit

Reading: John 15:9-17

Reflection Question: How does remaining in Christ's love lead to bearing fruit?

Friday - Pruning and Growth

Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7, John 15:1-17

Reflection Question: Why is pruning necessary for spiritual growth?

Saturday - Weekly Application

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Week 6 (April 7-13) - "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Monday - The Way

Reading: John 14:1-7

Reflection Question: What does it mean that Jesus is "the way" to the Father?

Wednesday - The Truth

Reading: John 14:8-14

Reflection Question: How does Jesus reveal the truth about who God is?

Friday - The Life

Reading: John 14:15-21

Reflection Question: What kind of life does Jesus promise to those who love Him?

Saturday - Weekly Application

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Holy Week (April 14-20) - "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Monday - Death

Reading: John 11:1-16

Reflection Question: Why does Jesus let Lazarus fully die before coming to him? What does this say about Jesus' interactions with the disciples and even you?

Wednesday - Resurrection

Reading: John 11:17-27

Reflection Question: What do you observe about Jesus' interaction with Martha? Were His words alone sufficient for her? What about in your situation?

Friday - Life

Reading: John 11:27-44

Reflection Question: Knowing that Jesus, too, would go to the grave and be risen, how does that speak into the emotion He shows and the impact on the disciples' belief? On your belief?

Saturday - Weekly Application

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