

# WHO DOES JESUS SAY HE IS?



## LOOKING AT SOME OF THE TITLES JESUS USED OF HIMSELF

There is no other Person like Jesus Christ. The entire Bible focuses on the progressive revelation of the Messiah. In fact, the last book of the New Testament, The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John, is the ultimate revelation of God who became flesh, ascended to heaven, and will return, not only to rule over all, but also to judge all, the living, and the dead. Here are some of the titles or functions He explained to those around Him, that He is. Note that He speaks in the present indefinite tense – there is no past or future, but the present, which encompasses time.

### BREAD

He identifies Himself as **bread**, the basis of all food types. When we have bread, we need nothing more. He uses the term bread to remind his followers that God sustained the nation in the desert by feeding them bread from , manna (reference needed). He says: I am the **bread** of life – John 6:35; I am the **bread** which came down from heaven – John 6:41; and I am the **living bread** – John 6:51

### LIGHT

He identifies Himself as **light** and is our source of guidance. The sun shines for part of the day, and then disappears. The same goes for the moon. Jesus is the permanent light of the world. He says: I am the **light** of the world – John 8:12; John 9:5

### I AM

He is simply and totally that – all and everything. He says: I am – John 8:58, Exodus 3:14

### DOOR

He identifies Himself as the **door**, the way of entrance to eternal life. There is no other way to salvation except through this door. He says: I am the **door** of the sheep – John 10:7; John 10:9

### GOOD SHEPHERD

He identifies Himself as the guide towards eternal life. His character reflects goodness. He says: I am the **good shepherd** – John 10:11; John 10:14; and Psalm 23:1

### THE SON OF GOD

He clearly states that He is the Son of God. We need no further evidence or discussion on this point. He says: I am the **Son of God** – John 10:36

### THE RESURRECTION

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*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16*

He clearly states that resurrection to eternal life is in Him alone. Whoever dies in Him, will live in Him. He says: I am the **resurrection**; and the **life** – John 11:25

### **THE WAY**

The path that leads to God is through Him alone. All others lead to destruction. He says: I am the **way**, the truth, and the life – John 14:6

### **THE TRUTH**

He is the only truth. All others are false. He says: I am the way, the **truth**, and the life – John 14:6

### **THE LIFE**

He is the only source of eternal life. All others lead to death. He says: I am the way, the truth, and the **life** – John 14:6

### **THE TRUE VINE**

He is the vine into which we are grafted. We receive our sustenance from Him alone. He says: I am the **true vine** – John 15:1; John 15:5

### **JESUS OF NAZARETH**

He confirms that He is Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. He says: I am **he** – **Jesus of Nazareth** – John 18:5, Acts 22:8

### **THE FIRST**

He is the first (start, alpha) of all things, the beginning. He says: I am the **first** and the last – Revelation 1:17, Revelation 22:13

### **THE LAST**

He is the end (end, omega) of all things. All things end with Him. He says: I am the first and the **last** – Revelation 1:17, Revelation 22:13

### **THE ROOT**

Just as He is the vine, He is the root, the source and foundation of life. He says: I am the **root** and the offspring of David – Revelation 22:16

### **THE OFFSPRING**

He identifies the family line through which He would come in the flesh, and reign forever. He says: I am the root and the **offspring** of David – Revelation 22:16

If God speaks to you so clearly today, how can you possibly doubt Him?