

Sermon Outline

JESUS SAYS, "I AM ..." | Geoff Lin

1. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life"

Jn 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "**I am the bread of life**. *Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* 36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. 37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me *I will never drive away.* 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For my Father's will is that *everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.*"

- Ex 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you"

2. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world"

Jn 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, *who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "*but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.* 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**" 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

- Jn 9:38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

3. Jesus says, "I am the gate"

Jn 10:7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, **I am the gate** for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 **I am the gate**; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only *to steal and kill and destroy*; I have come that *they may have life, and have it to the full.*

- Ps 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

4. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd"

Jn 10:11 "**I am the good shepherd**. *The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 *The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.* 14 **I am the good shepherd**; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and *I lay down my life for the sheep.*

- Ez 34:2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?'

- Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

5. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life"

Jn 11:21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life**. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that *you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.*"

- Daniel 12:1-3

6. Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life"

Jn 14:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

7. Jesus says, "I am the vine"

Jn 15:5 **I am the vine**; you are the branches. *If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit*; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

- Ps 80:8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

- Eph 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Jn 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written **that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

For discussion: Which of these sayings captures your imagination (and why)? Who might it appeal to?