

“I AM”
Exodus 3:14

Introduction

1. **SLIDE 1** “I AM”
2. It’s been 6 weeks since we’ve been able to worship the Living God together in one place. I want to thank you for choosing to be with us today as we look at the Word of God together in this virtual setting.
3. And I want to thank Curt for bringing the truth to us in song – Our God is *More Than Amazing*.

I. John asks a question concerning Christ (Matt. 11:3-6)

- A. While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard of the miracles being done by Christ.
 1. He sent his disciples to Jesus with this question...
 2. **SLIDE 2** V 3 – **John asks a question concerning Christ... “Are You the Expected One [the Coming One], or shall we look for someone else?”**
 3. Keep in mind – who was John the Baptist?
 - a. Cousin of Christ.
 - b. Mal. 3:1 says that he would be the messenger of God telling the people of the Coming of the Messiah – the Christ.
 - c. When he saw Jesus – John 1:29 “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”
 - d. And John was the one who baptized Jesus.
 - e. John was the one who spoke of Salvation and of Judgement.
- B. **“Are You the Expected One [the Coming One], or shall we look for someone else?”**
 1. Craig Keener and John MacArthur both agree that this is not a wavering of faith in John’s heart and mind, but a confusion of the turn of events. He is imprisoned while Christ carries on a ministry of healing, not judgement.
 2. Events were not going the way John expected them to go.
- C. **SLIDE 3** v 4-6 **Jesus answers...**
 1. Miracles – Yes – and the Gospel [Good News] is being proclaimed.
 2. Don’t stumble because of Me, or because of how I do things.

II. Moses asks a question concerning God (Ex. 3:13-14)

- A. There was another turn of events concerning the Children of Israel.
 1. Not like Coronavirus of weeks, or even months, but for years.
 2. Over 400 years the Children of Israel were bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt.
 3. For over 400 years they cried out to God for deliverance.
- B. Moses, who had been raised in Pharaoh’s Court, was now in the desert tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law. Saw the burning bush not being consumed and went to see it.
- C. God calls Moses to be the deliverer.
 1. **SLIDE 4** **Moses asks a question concerning God... (v 13)**
 2. **SLIDE 5** **God answers... (v 14)**

Two separate times events were not going the way people expected them to go. I think a good reminder for us in this day that were living is the Name of God given to Moses. **I AM WHO I AM.**

III. I AM SLIDE 6

- A. We have 35 passages in the Scripture that describe the Living God as the "I AM."
- B. Some of them are as follows...
 1. "**I am** El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Genesis 17:1
 2. "**I am** the Lord who heals you." Exodus 15:26
 3. "**I am** merciful." Exodus 22:27
 4. "**I am** slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness." Exodus 34:6
 5. "Don't be afraid, for **I am** with you. Don't be discouraged, for **I am** your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10
 6. "From eternity to eternity **I am** God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done." Isaiah 43:13
 7. "**I am** the one who comforts you..." Isaiah 51:12
 8. "**I am** a God who is near," says the Lord. Jeremiah 23:23
 9. "**I am** the Lord! If I say it, it will happen." Ezekiel 12:25
 10. "**I am** the Lord, and I do not change." Malachi 3:6 -- He wants to be the Lord of your life.
 11. Jesus answered, "**I am**. And in the future, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of God, the Powerful One, and coming on clouds in the sky." Mark 14:62
 12. Then Jesus said, "**I am** He [the Messiah]—I, the one talking to you." John 4:26
 13. "**I am** the bread that gives life." John 6:48 Jesus was born in Bethlehem "the House of Bread"
 14. "**I am** the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life." John 8:12 Christ is the light in a spiritual world of darkness.
 15. Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, **I am**!" John 8:58
 16. "**I am** the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." John 10:11
 17. Jesus said to her, "**I am** the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. John 11:25
 - a. Jesus said, "Lazarus come forth." -- the Resurrection.
 - b. Jesus said, "Loose him and set him free." -- the Life.
 18. Jesus answered, "**I am** the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me." John 14:6
 - a. Life – God's quantity – Eternal Life
 - b. Life – God's quality – His Life in us today.

Conclusion

1. Whatever your circumstance right now – God knows where you are and what you need.
2. He is the **I AM**, and wants to be the **I AM** in your life.