

Walking With Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega

Study Guide for Lesson Eight—March 8, 2013

Day One:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega”

Ladies! This is the last week of our study of **“Jesus the Great I Am”**. We have completed all seven “I Am” statements in the gospel of John. I have loved this study and really am glad we could do it together. It just seemed right to me that we should include one more week to our adventure and go to John’s **Revelation** of Jesus.

Read **Revelation. 22:13**, underline it in your Bible and write it out here:

How have you done with your memory verse cards? It’s not too late to grab up all eight of them and see how much progress you can make this final week.

Our focus will be on **“Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega”** this week and our study time will be light. We’ve mentioned that when God says something in Scripture we should take note, when he repeats it we should really listen, and when he says something three times—look out—we better make sure we really understand it! Well, in our verse Jesus is saying the same truth over again with three different ‘voices’. Just for fun, go back up to the verse and circle all of the beginning words in those phrases and square all of the ending words.

As we consider Jesus “The beginning”, we don’t need to move outside of the gospel of John. John gives us plenty to consider. Read **John 1:1-14** and list all the things you learn about Jesus at the beginning to share with your group:

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Tomorrow we will investigate more about Jesus from the book of Revelation



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Yesterday we wrote our theme verse from Rev. 22:13. There are honestly multiple “I am” statements in Revelation. Like the grand-finale at a Fourth-Of-July firework display, the book of Revelation pops with “I Ams” all over the place. Let’s take today to look them up and write out what you find Jesus says about himself in this final book of our Bible:

Rev. 1:8

Rev. 1:17

Rev. 1:18

Rev. 2:23

Rev. 3:11

Rev. 3:20

Rev. 21:5

Rev. 21:6

Rev. 22:7

Rev. 22:12

Rev. 22:13

Rev. 22:16

Rev. 22:20

It’s not hard to spot which one occurs the most times. Write it below:



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Jesus truly was **“The Word”** at the beginning and he is coming soon to be the **“Final Word”** at the end.

We started this whole study with Moses investigating a bush that wouldn't stop burning on a mountainside and hearing the voice of God calling him to a specific ministry. Moses asked God his name—the Israelites would want to know his name. God answered:

*“I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites:
'I AM' has sent me to you.”* Exodus 3:14

There is another interesting little section of John that we didn't take much time to uncover previously, but I think in summary, this is an opportune day. If you have time, Read all of **John chapter 8** and if you are short on time Read **John 8:48-58**.

Write out the words of Jesus in v.58:

The Jews knew exactly what Jesus meant and you can read their reaction in v.59.

“I AM” is a powerful, life-giving, life-sustaining name. It almost seems to have power in itself. Read **John 18:1-8**.

How did Jesus reveal himself in v.5 (3 words)

What was the uncontrollable reaction of Judas, the soldiers and officials:

I believe the reason they collapsed before the Son of God is intimated in the original language where the Greek word for 'he' is conspicuously missing. The Interlinear Bible even translates Christ's words like this “Then when He said to them, I AM, they departed into the rear and fell to the ground.” — Beth Moore



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Day Four:

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Take this final day to summarize your thoughts about *“Jesus—I Am”*. Below is a list of all our lesson titles with space for notes. I would like each of you to be prepared to share (either in your own discussion group—or if we have time—all together) at least one thing that the Holy Spirit has significantly stirred in your heart as a result of your time spent in the Word and with the Lord.

I Am the Bread of Life

I Am the Light of the World

I am the Gate for the Sheep

I am the Good Shepherd

I am the Resurrection and the Life

I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

I am the True Vine

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End

One of my most significant realizations through study and meditation has been:

