

**Jesus' I AM Promises and Teachings
Advent-Christmas-New Year 2023**

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 --- "I AM the Resurrection and the Life."

I. Remember...

- I AM statements in John's Gospel at least 7 times
- John clearly states Jesus is fully Creator God in John 1
- I AM = YHWH = LORD God = LORD (Exodus 3)
- Creator Jesus speaks, declares and creates "I AM" Reality for all people. When Jesus says "I AM..." He speaks, declares and creates faith in the listener. (For us!)
(Remember: "God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light.")
- I AM statements so far:
I AM the Bread of Life; I AM the Light of the World; I AM the Door

*After saying these things, Jesus said to them,
"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."
(John 11:11)*

II. I AM the Resurrection

- Two statements! "I AM the Resurrection and the Life." John 11:17-27
- Lazarus has been in the tomb for _____ days
- Lazarus is still alive to Jesus even though Lazarus' body is _____
- Jesus called Lazarus " _____ ,"
 - Lazarus remains Jesus' friend even though in the grave
 - Lazarus remains the friend of the disciples (the Church) even in the grave
- Jesus need only say "wake up" and all _____ goes away
- Jesus' resurrection shows us that He will give us _____
that CANNOT die again. (1 Cor. 15:20-23)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

III. I AM the Life

- Jesus is the _____ of true Life that cannot end.
 - To turn away from Jesus (who is I AM, YHWH, the LORD) is to turn away from Life to Death. (Gen. 3)
 - But Jesus calls us to have true Life in Him.
- Advent is our faith waiting for Jesus to make all complete. We are _____
for Jesus' arrival with complete everlasting Life (soul and body).
- As long as we are celebrating Christmas in this present life, we are in Advent...
we are waiting for Jesus to come for us.
- Our Joy of each Christmas season is that Jesus is with us _____ as we wait

Nov 22, Thanksgiving Eve, 1 and 7 pm

"I AM the Bread of Life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

Dec 6, Wed. - Advent Midweek Service 1pm and 7 pm

"I AM the Light of the World." (John 8:12)

Dec 13, Wed. - Advent Midweek Service 1pm and 7pm

"I AM the Door of the Sheep." (John 10:7,9)

Dec 20, Wed., Advent Midweek Service 1pm and 7pm

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life." (John 11:25)

Dec 24, 7 pm Christmas Eve with Children's Participation

"I AM the Good Shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)

Dec 25, Monday - 10 am Christmas Morning Service with Holy Communion

"I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)

Dec 31, Sunday - 10 am service – New Year's Eve Day

"I AM the True Vine." (John 15:1, 5)

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