

## Did Jesus say: 'I am God'?

What Jesus directly said in the Bible:

**'Before Abraham was, I am.'** John 8:58.

In Exodus 3:14 when Moses asks God what his name is, **God says: 'I am who I am'**. In John 8:38 when Jesus says 'I am' he is very deliberately calling himself God. In John's Gospel Jesus repeats this again and again:

**'I am** the way, the truth and the light.' John 14:6

**'I am** the light of the world.' John 8:12

**'I am** the resurrection and the life.' John 11:25

**'I am** the Bread of Life.' John 6:35

**'I am** the Gate.' John 10:9

**'I am** the Good Shepherd.' John 10:11

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In the Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke - Jesus calls himself the **'Son of Man'**. Here too Jesus clearly states he is God. He does this by connecting himself to the divine figure presented in Daniel 7:13-14:

'And behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.  
And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.'

This **'Son of Man'** is given an everlasting kingdom and dominion and glory. He is to be served by all peoples, nations and languages. How can this 'son of man' be anything less than God? Note Daniel 7:9 where it says that 'thrones' were placed and the Ancient of Days took his seat. Who else would sit on a throne but the Son of Man who has an everlasting kingdom.

In Revelation 1:8 God says that he is the **'Alpha and the Omega'** (the First and the Last). Just a few verses later In Revelation 1:17 the 'Son of Man' (Jesus) says that he is the **'First and the Last'**. Later, in Revelation 21:6 Jesus says: 'I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.'

## The New Testament presents words that Jesus said while on earth, but are these the only words Jesus says?

The Bible says that **Jesus is the 'Word of God' (John 1:1), which means then that whatever God through time has inspired prophets to write, are Jesus' words. The whole of the Bible therefore, are the words of Jesus.** In John 16:12-15 Jesus said to his disciples:

**"I still have many things to say to you**, but you cannot bear them now. **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.** All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Here Jesus is saying is that he will continue to speak to his disciples through the Holy Spirit, who inspires the writing of God's Word. **Therefore when the Bible says: 'Jesus is God' this is Jesus saying he is God.**

**John 1:1** 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**'

**John 1:18** 'No one has ever seen God; **God the only Son**, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.'

**John 20:28** 'Thomas answered him, **"My Lord and my God!"**' (after Jesus had shown Thomas his hands and side)

**Matthew 9:2** 'And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.'" (**who can forgive sins but God alone? – Jesus is saying he is God**)

**Matthew 14:33** 'And those in the boat **worshiped him**, saying, **"Truly you are the Son of God."**' (Jesus did not rebuke them for worshiping him)

**Mark 14:61-64** 'Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. (**the high priest and ruling council understood Jesus was claiming to be God**)

**Philippians 1:2** '**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**' (a common greeting by Paul in his letters pointing to the equality of God and Jesus)

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