

“I AM”

BUILDING BLOCKS

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

Four hundred years after Joseph’s family came down to Egypt to escape a terrible famine, “**there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph**” (Exodus 1:8). That wicked Pharaoh made the children of Israel **slaves** in Egypt!

Eventually, an old man named Moses heard a voice calling out to him from a burning bush:

“**I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham...**” (Exodus 3:6)

As God was telling Moses about his plan to deliver the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt, Moses asked a good question: “**What’s your name?**”

“**I AM WHO I AM.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel:
‘ _____ has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:14)

But what does this have to do with our search for our King? Seven different times in the **Gospel of John**, Jesus used the same words—

“**I am**”—to describe himself in a variety of ways:

- 🕒 “I am the _____ of life” (John 6:35)
- 🕒 “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12)
- 🕒 “I am the _____” (John 10:9)
- 🕒 “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11)
- 🕒 “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)
- 🕒 “I am the _____, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)
- 🕒 “I am the true vine” (John 15:1)

But listen especially to what he said in **John 8:56-58**:

“Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, _____ Abraham was, _____.”



FOUNDATION STONES



- 🔍 What do you think Jesus meant when he described himself as “the **light** of the world”?
- 🔍 What about “**I am the door**”? What did Jesus mean by that?
- 🔍 And did you hear him say in [John 10:11](#), “**I am the good shepherd**”? **Who** is he leading? **Where** is he leading them?

EVENT Building Blocks

- 🔍 How many plagues did God send on Egypt in the days of Moses?
- 🔍 Let’s work on saying those plagues in order from memory...

