*September 4, 2022*

**John’s Gospel: A Portrait of Jesus**

**Names that Reveal His Nature**

**I Am**

**John 8**

**Truths Before The Truth**

* **It’s not how you start; It’s how you finish.**

**Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.” John 8:31**

**But the one who endures to the end will be saved. Matthew 24:13**

* **The Truth will set you free.**

**“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32**

* **Not everyone has God as their Father.**

**For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does… John 8:44**

* **Those who know Jesus and follow Jesus will never die.**

**“I tell you the truth, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!” John 8:51**

**The Truth**

**“Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming. He saw it and was glad.” The people said, “You aren’t even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!” At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple. John 8:56-59**

**But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?” God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.” Exodus 3:13-15**

**The “I AM” is…**

* **Personal**
* **Present**
* **Preeminent**
* **Immutable**
* **Self-existent**

**What does this mean to you?**

* **You don’t get to determine what God is like.**
* **God will do what he has promised.**
* **God doesn’t need you but He loves you and wants a relationship with you.**