



courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

“The works of our savior were lasting for they were genuine. Those who were healed and those who were raised from the dead were seen not merely while our savior was on earth, but also after his death they were alive quite awhile so that some of them lived even to our day.” -Quadratus, written to Emperor Hadrian, 120 A.D.

Who is Jesus Christ?

- a. Liar.
- b. Lunatic.
- c. Lord.

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Jesus, the Son of God

The Gospels, part 4

The Story—part 25

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Who do men say that I am?

Mark 8:27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

Mark 8:29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

“I am” statements

Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

*John 8:24 "I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that **I am** [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die*



in your sins."

*John 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that **I am** [the one I claim to be] and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."*

*John 8:58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **I am!**"*

Here are seven metaphorical "I am" statements by Jesus:

- I am the bread of life (John 6:35, 48, 51)
- I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5)
- I am the door of the sheep (John 10:7, 9)
- I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14)
- I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
- I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)
- I am the true vine (John 15:1)

Son of man

Daniel 7:13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

Feeding of the 5,000

Mark 6:35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late.



³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five--and two fish."³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.

⁴² They all ate and were satisfied,

⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Walking on water

Mark 6:45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night ...

... he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them,

⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take