

I AM

John 8:48-59

Jesus said, "I AM".

Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing the day of Jesus.

If Jesus is I AM, the application for us is staggering.

Considerations for the week

The crowd accused Jesus: "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon possessed?" (v. 48). How does this reveal their spiritual blindness? Consider when we are also prone to use derogatory labels as a way of avoiding truth.

Jesus offers eternal life in the midst of hostility: "Whoever obeys my word will never see death." (v. 51). What does this reveal about the heart of Christ toward those who oppose Him, then and now?

The crowd asks, "Are you greater than our father Abraham?" (v. 53). Jesus responds, commenting that Abraham rejoiced to see His day. How can this influence our understanding of Old Testament faith?

Abraham saw Jesus' day and was glad (v. 56). Examine how Hebrews 11 reveals that Abraham could see Christ centuries before His birth. What does this teach us about faith's ability to rejoice in promises not yet fulfilled?

"Before Abraham was born, I AM!" declares Jesus. (v. 58). This is the turning point of the passage. Why? What does it mean for Jesus to take the divine name Yahweh upon Himself?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered,

"before Abraham was born, I am!" – John 8:58, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Micah 7:18-19

Malachi 3:10

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *What a Friend*

Call to worship

Hymn 51

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn, *Ancient of Days*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *You Are Holy*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *Christ Our Wisdom*

Message

Hymn of response 360, *Jesus Is Lord of All*

Benediction

Postlude, *O God Beyond All Praising*

Weekly events

Today after the benediction, Cookies & Coffee in our fellowship hall

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Reservations required.

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: beef taco salad, fruit, cheesecake, ice cream

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets this week, October 17

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Embrace Grace Baby shower for our seven expectant moms.
Saturday, October 17, 10 am

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

Fall Festival
October 30

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online giving



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