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**'I Am', part 1**

**'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full' Jesus in John 10:10**

**God calls Himself 'I am' (Exo 3:1-15)**

- † John organizes His Gospel around the seven 'I am' statements of Jesus
- † In these seven statements, Jesus was not just making a statement about salvation. He also was making a statement about His deity. When Moses met God at the burning bush, he asked God for a name he could take back to the Israelites in Egypt. God said to tell them 'I AM' had sent him (Exo 3:14)
- † God's declaration to Moses '*I am Who I am*' (Exo 3:14) is completed by Jesus in the Gospel of John, '*Very truly I tell you, Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am*' (Joh 8:58)
  - 'I am' is the Name of God
  - Jesus was not just claiming to have lived before Abraham; He was claiming eternal existence. He was claiming to be God Himself (Exo 3:14)

**'I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst' (Joh 6:35)**

- † Bread and water is a consistent meal. That is why in John 6:5 Jesus asks Philip, where can we buy bread that the thousands may eat
- † Jesus had just fed more than five thousand people with five loaves and two small fish (Joh 6:1-14)
  - When the people went looking for Him the next day, they were following their stomachs more than their hearts
  - Jesus knew that they were not interested in following Him for Who He was, but for what He could do (v. 26)
- † Seeing Jesus merely as a source of earthly blessings is never a good reason to follow Him. Christ is far beyond that. He and only He can meet our deepest need— our spiritual need for a Savior, for purpose, for daily guidance, for love (Joh 6:22-40)

**The Bread of Life meant that salvation came from Christ alone**

- † Jesus also corrects the idea that was prevalent at his time which said that one can reach Eternal Life through one's works and said in John 4:10 that

only the Son can give Life and that this Life is a gift from above and not credited to oneself

† Jesus is the only manna (*Exo 16; Joh 6:48-51; Rev 2:17*)

† Jesus is the fulfillment of the manna that came from Heaven in Exodus and today He is the only manna we need

† Both Jesus and the manna

- Came down from Heaven
- Were given freely to all but cannot be obtained if we do not actively choose them

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness' Mat 5:6a

† We are united to Christ to the extent that if we are filled with Him, and He wants to fill others through us *'He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'* (*Joh 7:38*)

† Although Jesus fed the physically hungry, His greatest concern was for the people with spiritual hunger

- *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled'* (*Mat 5:6*)
- He taught us to seek Him daily *'Give us this day our daily bread'* (*Mat 6:11*)

† Jesus being the Bread means He is essential for life, on earth and to reach the Eternal Life (*Joh 6:53-58*)

† Christ is the Bread; He is not giving us bread (*Joh 6:48-51*)

† Christ is the Desire; He did not come to help us reach our desires that are apart from Him (*Joh 6:26*)

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### Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

### Verse to memorize

'Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead...I am the living Bread Which came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever; and the Bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world' John 6:49,51

**During the coming week, let us pray expectantly**

- 1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon**
- 2. for CrossTalk to find a locale**
- 3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim**
- 4. to become more of saints and less of sinners**
- 5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think**
- 6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth**
- 7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him**
- 8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor**
- 9. to all the sick**
- 10. to all those in prison**
- 11. to the unity of the Christians**
- 12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity**
- 13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management**
- 14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them**
- 15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights**
- 16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region**

## During this coming week, we will lift the Roman Catholic Church in prayer

### الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الذي في السموات  
ليتقدّس إسمُك  
ليأت ملكوتك  
لتكن مشيئتك  
كما في السماء  
كذلك على الأرض  
أعطنا خبزنا كفافاً  
يوماً  
وأغفر لنا ذنوبنا  
وخطايانا  
كما نحن نغفر  
لمن أخطأ وأساء إلينا  
ولا تُدخِلنا في التجارب  
لكن نجِّنا من الشرير  
أمين

### قانون الايمان

نؤمن بالله واحد،  
أب ضابط الكل،  
خالق السماء والأرض،  
كل ما يرى وما لا يرى  
وبربّ واحد يسوع المسيح ابن الله الوحيد  
المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور  
إله من إله،  
نور من نور،  
إله حق من إله حق  
مولود غير مخلوق،  
مساو للأب في الجوهر  
الذي به كان كل شيء،  
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر،  
ومن أجل خلاصنا،  
نزل من السماء  
وتجسّد من الروح القدس،  
ومن مريم العذراء  
وصلب عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي  
وصار إنساناً  
تألم ومات وقبر  
وقام في اليوم الثالث كما جاء في الكتب  
وصعد إلى السماء،  
وجلس عن يمين الله الأب  
أيضاً يأتي بمجد عظيم ليدين الأحياء والأموات  
الذي لا فناء لملكه  
وبالروح القدس، الربّ المحيي  
المنبثق من الأب والإبن،  
الذي هو مع الأب والإبن  
يُسجد له ويُمجّد الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل  
ويكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدّسة، رسولية  
ونعترف بعموديّة واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا  
ونترجى قيامة الموتى والحياة في الدهر الآتي  
أمين