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Believing in Jesus & His Resurrection Power

1. The glory & love of Jesus

- He reigns victorious over death

- See His glory & experience His sanctifying (faith-building) love

2. The revelation & power of Jesus

- “I am the resurrection and the life”

- Embrace Martha-like biblical faith

Seeing the Lordship & Glory of Jesus in the book of John

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 ESV)

The Seven Signs performed by Jesus in the book of John (before His resurrection)

Seven of the miracles Jesus performed while on earth are listed in the book of John (see the list below). John calls these miracles signs (Jn 2:11; 4:54; 6:14) and refers to Jesus’ resurrection as a sign (Jn 20:30). “John sees these events as more than mere miracles; they are signs that force readers to ask, ‘Who is this man who can do all these things? How can he be master over quality, distance, time, quantity, natural laws, misfortune, and death?’” (“John” by Samuel M. Ngewa; *Africa Bible Commentary*, p. 1251)

1. Changing of water into wine (Jn 2:11)
2. Healing a royal official’s son (4:46-54)
3. Healing a lame man (5:1-9)
4. Feeding more than 5000 (6:1-14)
5. Walking on water (6:15-21)
6. Healing a man born blind (9:1-41)
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-57).

The Seven metaphorical “I am” Statements by Jesus in the book of John

Multiple times John records Jesus referring to Himself using the words “I am” – “Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am’” (Jn 8:58 ESV; cf. 8:24, 28, 58; 18:5). His use of “I am” is in keeping with God Himself (the LORD, Yahweh) as the “I am” (e.g., Ex 3:14; Isa. 41:4; 43:10, 25). The Son is one with and equal to the Father and He is “I am” (the eternal sovereign LORD who is with His people; see ESV Study Bible notes below). There are seven times in John that Jesus makes a metaphorical statement using the words “I am” (see below). These seven “I am” statements help us better understand who Jesus is and what only He can offer (e.g., “I am the bread of life” – what bread is for our bodies, Jesus is for our eternal life, etc.).

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

*[Ex. 3:14](#) I am who I am. In response to Moses’ question (“What is [your] name?” [v. 13](#)), God reveals his name to be “Yahweh” (corresponding to the four Hebrew consonants *YHWH*). The three occurrences of “I AM” in [v. 14](#) all represent forms of the Hebrew verb that means “to be” (Hb. *hayah*), and in each case are related to the divine name Yahweh (i.e., “the LORD”; see note on [v. 15](#)). The divine name Yahweh has suggested to scholars a range of likely nuances of meaning: (1) that God is self-existent and therefore not dependent on anything else for his own existence; (2) that God is the creator and sustainer of all that exists; (3) that God is immutable in his being and character and thus is not in the process of becoming something different from what he is (e.g., “the same yesterday and today and forever,” [Heb. 13:8](#)); and (4) that God is eternal in his existence. While each of these points is true of God, the main focus in this passage is on the Lord’s promise to be with Moses and his people. The word translated “I am” (Hb. *’ehyeh*) can also be understood and translated as “I will be” (cf. ESV footnote). Given the context of [Ex. 3:12](#) (“I will be with you”), the name of Yahweh (“the LORD”) is also a clear reminder of God’s promises to his people and of his help for them to fulfill their calling. (**The ESV Study Bible*, © 2008, Crossway Bibles)