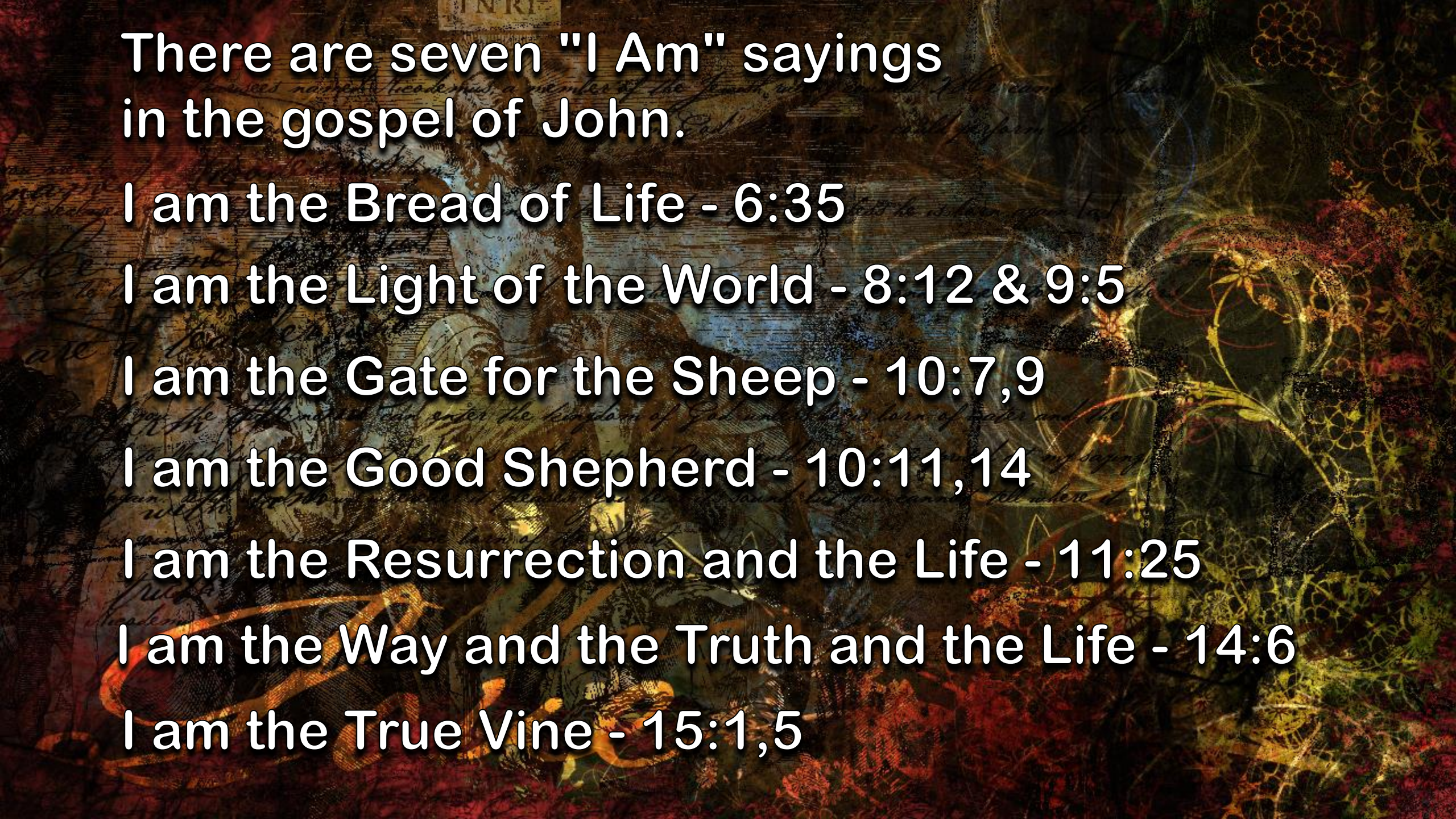




The Sacrifice of Jesus

Divinity of Jesus
John 8:31-59



There are seven "I Am" sayings
in the gospel of John.

I am the Bread of Life - 6:35

I am the Light of the World - 8:12 & 9:5

I am the Gate for the Sheep - 10:7,9

I am the Good Shepherd - 10:11,14

I am the Resurrection and the Life - 11:25

I am the Way and the Truth and the Life - 14:6

I am the True Vine - 15:1,5

John 8:31-59 ^{NLT}

31 Jesus said to the people who believed in Him,
“You are truly My disciples if you remain
faithful to My teachings.

32 And you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.”

**33 “But we are descendants of Abraham,”
they said.**

**“We have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean, ‘You will be set free’?”**

**34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth,
everyone who sins is a slave of sin.**

**35 A slave is not a permanent member of the family,
but a son is part of the family forever.**

36 So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

**37 Yes, I realize that you are
descendants of Abraham.
And yet some of you are trying to kill Me
because there's no room in your hearts
for My message.**

**38 I am telling you what I saw
when I was with My Father.
But you are following the advice of your father.”**

39 “Our father is Abraham!” they declared.

**“No,” Jesus replied,
“for if you were really the children of Abraham,
you would follow his example.**

**40 Instead, you are trying to kill Me
because I told you the truth,
which I heard from God.**

Abraham never did such a thing.

41 No, you are imitating your real father.”

**They replied, “We aren’t illegitimate children!
God himself is our true Father.”**

**42 Jesus told them,
“If God were your Father, you would love Me,
because I have come to you from God.
I am not here on My own, but He sent Me.**

**43 Why can’t you understand what I am saying?
It’s because you can’t even hear Me!**

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

He was a murderer from the beginning.

**He has always hated the truth,
because there is no truth in him.**

**When he lies, it is consistent with his character;
for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

**45 So when I tell the truth,
you just naturally don't believe Me!**

**46 Which of you can truthfully accuse Me of sin?
And since I am telling you the truth,
why don't you believe Me?**

**47 Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly
to the words of God.
But you don't listen
because you don't belong to God."**

**48 The people retorted, “You Samaritan devil!
Didn’t we say all along
that You were possessed by a demon?”**

**49 “No,” Jesus said, “I have no demon in Me.
For I honor my Father—and you dishonor Me.**

**50 And though I have no wish to glorify Myself,
God is going to glorify Me. He is the True Judge.**

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

**52 The people said,
“Now we know You are possessed by a demon.
Even Abraham and the prophets died,
but you say,
‘Anyone who obeys My teaching will never die!’**

**53 Are you greater than our father Abraham?
He died, and so did the prophets.
Who do You think You are?”**

54 Jesus answered, "If I want glory for Myself,
it doesn't count.
But it is My Father who will glorify Me.

55 You say, 'He is our God,
but you don't even know Him. I know Him.
If I said otherwise,
I would be as great a liar as you!
But I do know Him and obey Him.

**56 Your father Abraham rejoiced
as he looked forward to My coming.
He saw it and was glad.”**

**57 The people said,
“You aren’t even fifty years old.
How can You say You have seen Abraham?”**

**58 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth,
before Abraham was even born, I AM"**

**59 At that point they picked up stones
to throw at Him.
But Jesus was hidden from them
and left the Temple.**

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I AM

Colossians 2

- 9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God
in a human body.
- 10 So you also are complete through
your union with Christ,
who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Philippians 2:6-8

I AM

- 6 Though he was God,
He did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.
- 7 Instead, He gave up His Divine privileges;
He took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.
When He appeared in human form,
- 8 He humbled Himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.



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