

I AM: Jesus in His Own Words
I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
John 14:1-11

Introduction *Exodus 3:14-15; John 8:56-59*

God's covenant name: YHWH (Yahweh/Jehovah), "I Am Who I Am". It is often written "LORD" (Adonia) in English Bibles.

Jesus uses wedding language to comfort His disciples in John 14. There were three stages to Jewish weddings in the first century:

1. **The Arrangement**—Marriages were often arranged by fathers, who would assist in drafting the *ketubah*, a marriage contract.

2. **The Betrothal**—The couple purified themselves in a *mikveh*, stood under the *huppah*, and recited their vows (*ketubah*). Betrothal could last 1-7 years, allowing the couple to prepare for married life, especially for the husband to build a home.
Exodus 6:6-8

3. **The Wedding**—The groom would take his bride from her family's house and bring her to his father's house to drink the final cup of blessing and celebrate with family and friends for 7 days.

I. **Jesus is the Way:** Through Him we _____ to the Father's _____. *Matthew 25:1-13*

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II. Jesus is the Truth: By _____ in Him,
we _____ to the Father. *John 5:39; 14:23-24;*
Matthew 11:28-30

III. Jesus is the Life: In _____ we live, and He lives in _____.
Acts 17:28; Galatians 2:20; Revelation 19:9

Jesus speaks these words at the Passover Seder. Consider Jesus' claims in light of the Exodus:

- A. Jesus is the Way out of the bondage of slavery. (Exodus and Red Sea parting)
- B. Jesus is the Truth who guides us in living the Christian life. (Giving the Law at Mt. Sinai)
- C. Jesus is the Life of abundant peace and purpose. (The Promised Land of milk and honey)

*“The Jesus Way wedded to
the Jesus Truth brings about
the Jesus Life.”*