



**JESUS IS...  
I AM – JUST JUDGE – KING OF KINGS**

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**P**review

This is one of a series of lessons examining Jesus' character and power by exploring His titles and adjectives from A to Z. *(Titles and adjectives are from the King James Version of the Bible and may be different in other translations.)*

During His time on earth, Jesus said "I AM" many times. Here are some examples. Briefly discuss the "I AM" page, which you can find here: <http://www.creative-sunday-school-ideas.com/support-files/i-am.pdf>

**P**raise

Choose one of the "I AM's" of Jesus to give thanks for now. *Give thanks together for all that Jesus is.*

**P**arable

Let's talk about some of Jesus' adjectives and titles that begin with I, J, and K.

Remember when Moses saw a bush that was burning but did not burn up?

Show "Moses – Burning Bush – I AM" page and read verses from the page: <http://www.creative-sunday-school-ideas.com/support-files/moses-burning-bush-i-am.pdf>

God identified Himself to Moses as "I AM."

- What does "I AM" mean? *(I exist alone, by myself)*
- How long has God existed? *(forever, eternally)*

When Jesus identified Himself as I AM people became very angry with Him. Read **John 8:56-59** from your Bible.

- When Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM," what did the Jews do? *(they picked up stones to throw at Him)*



- Why did they react so violently? (*they were angry because they knew that God called Himself the "I AM," and they didn't believe Jesus was God*)

Jesus is the I AM. As God He existed before Abraham, before Adam, before anything or anyone.

## **P**resent

Paul mentions one of Jesus' J titles in his second letter to Timothy. **Read II Timothy 4:8** from your Bible.

- What does a judge do? (*hears arguments, decides cases in a court of law, sentences those found guilty*)
- When a judge decides a case, he doesn't base his decisions on his own opinions but rather on what? (*the law*)

Listen to this vision of the Judge that John wrote about in the Book of Revelation. **Read Revelation 20:11-12** from your Bible.

- Only one book is mentioned by name in these verses. What book is that? (*the Book of Life*)
- As we discussed earlier, judges base their decisions on the law. Where is God's Law found? (*in the Bible*)

In the end, Jesus will open His Law (the Bible) and the Book of Life (possibly a book of our lives). He will compare what we have done to what the Bible says we should do.

- Can any of us keep God's Law perfectly? (*not without Jesus' help*)

We can be assured of this: **Read I John 1:9** from your Bible.

- What J adjective from this verse describes the kind of Judge Jesus is? (*just*)
- What does it mean to be "just"? (*guided by justice, fair*)

Jesus Christ is the Just Judge. He is the only person who has ever lived a sinless life, keeping God's Law perfectly. He is the only one who died for our sins. He is the only one who can forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



## P<sub>r</sub>actice

There have been many kings of many countries over thousands of years of human history.

- What do you call a king who rules over other kings? (*the King of kings*)

Listen to this description of Jesus that John wrote in the Book of Revelation. *Read Revelation 19:11, 16 from your Bible.*

Jesus is KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!

## P<sub>r</sub>ay

Jesus is the I AM. He is more than all the titles and adjectives describing Him. He is the God who always has been and always will be.

Someday we will see Him in all His glory as KING OF KINGS, and we can be assured that He will justly judge every one of us by the words in this book (*hold up your Bible*), no matter who we are.

Today is the day to approach Him in His role as Advocate and Savior, asking His forgiveness and help. Let's pray right now. *Pray together.*

## P<sub>l</sub>us

This week take some time to think about Jesus' titles and adjectives that begin with the letters I, J, and K. Use the handout to explore some more of these.