

Promises and Provision

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Introduction

In this lesson, let us consider the various “*I am...*” statements of Jesus that are recorded in John’s Gospel (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 58; 9:5; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6, 10, 11; 15:1, 5).

Sustenance

In saying “*I am the bread of life*” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51) and “*I am the true vine*” (John 15:1, 5), Jesus promises sustenance.

Enlightenment

In saying “*I am the Light of the world,*” Jesus promises enlightenment (John 8:12; 9:4-5; cf. 12:35-36).

Life

In saying “*I am the resurrection and the life,*” Jesus promises eternal life (John 11:25; cf. 14:6).

Leadership

In saying “*I am the door of the sheep,*” Jesus promises protection (John 10:7, 9). In saying “*I am the good shepherd,*” Christ also promises leadership (John 10:11, 14).

Conclusion

As a result of His miraculous works, we have reason to believe Christ’s message (John 10:22-39). Because of His relationship with the Father, Jesus can deliver on these promises (John 8:56-58; 14:8-14).