

## Morning Worship

June 24, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:13-14

Don/People

Hymn # 203 *His Name Is Wonderful*

Don/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 202 *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

Don/People

Hymn # 122 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

Don/People

Hymn # 146 *O How He Loves You and Me*

Don/People

Offering Prayer

Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Alva Lou Schottel

No Children's Worship

(On break for the summer)

Message

"I Am He"

John 18:1-11

Hymn # 285 *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

Don/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Chorus # 217 *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Don/People

## I Am He

John 18:1-11

We've concluded with the traditional I Am statements of Jesus, but there's one more that we should take into consideration. When they came to arrest Him, Jesus asked them who they were seeking. After their reply, Jesus said "I am He." No matter what you are seeking in this life, Jesus states, "I am He." How can He make such a claim?

### **1. Because of What Jesus Knows .**

Here Jesus was on the night before the cross. He gave vital words of instruction and comfort to His followers. Jesus also prayed to the Father for all believers. Then the Lord and His disciples headed out to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Verse 4 tells us something amazing that we must not miss: Jesus knew "all things that would come upon Him." There were no surprises. Jesus could see down the road of His life. And though He was about to take the sins of the whole world on His shoulders, Jesus could take it, so He didn't run away. Jesus went forward, straight into the jaws of danger and death. And He did it for us.

It's good for us that we can't see all things. We couldn't take it. But Jesus can see down the road of our lives, and He will help us along. He knows all things.

In Matthew 10:30, Jesus tells us that God even knows the exact number of hairs on our heads. Alma Guinness thought about this and wrote: "Scientists know the average number of hairs on the human scalp is between 100,000 and 150,000. (Of

course, that's the average.) Each hair lives about 3 to 5 years and grows around one-half inch per month. On a daily basis, the average person loses 50 to 100 hairs.

Almost 7 billion people inhabit earth, each having an average of 100,000 hairs, and everyone losing 50 to 100 of them a day. Yet, God always knows the exact number of hairs that are on your scalp. (1. Adapted from "ABC's of the Human Body," Alma Guinness, Editor, p.150; Houston Chronicle, 6/14/01, p.2D (Found in "In Other Words" by Dr. Raymond McHenry, Fall, 2001 - 6130 Barrington ~ Beaumont, Texas 77706 (800) 553-4697 [www.iows.net](http://www.iows.net))

What a picture of the Lord's all-knowing love. By the way: God also knows every beat of your heart, every thought in your mind and every tear you've ever cried. He knows you better than you know yourself. No one knows you like Jesus knows you. And we need Jesus, because no one knows us like Jesus knows us.

## **2. Because of What Jesus Does .**

Our Lord has unlimited power. And we see just a little sample of His power in verses 4-6. With just a word, Jesus miraculously sent them sprawling to the ground. This was a most amazing thing, especially when we understand the crowd in the Garden that night.

William Barclay explained: "There is something astonishing about the force that came out to arrest Jesus. In verse 3, John tells us that there were soldiers along with officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. The officers were from two branches of the Jewish police force. But a 'band of men' or 'detachment of troops' was also there. In the original language that meant a force of at least 200 men, and usually up to 1,000 soldiers. That's who came to arrest Jesus. What a testimony to the power of Jesus. When the authorities decided to arrest Him, they sent a small army to do it." (2. Adapted from the Barclay Study Bible by William Barclay - "THE ARREST IN THE GARDEN - John18:1-11"). With a word Jesus laid them all flat on the ground. What a mighty, mighty God.

Matthew Henry said that "with that simple saying, 'I am He,' Jesus showed plainly, what he could have done with them. When he struck them down, he could have struck them dead. When he spoke them to the ground, he could have spoken them to hell. . . Jesus also showed what he will do at last with all his hardhearted enemies who will not repent to give him glory. They shall flee, and they shall fall, before him. . ."

(3. Adapted from "Matthew Henry's Whole Commentary on the Bible" - John 18:1-12)

They did not stay down long where they fell, but by divine permission got up again. That mob of persecutors got up again, but only because Jesus let them get up. Jesus really does have all power. No one else can do what Jesus can do. Isaiah 40:12-15, 25-28 speaks of Him. No one can do what Jesus can do. And you can be sure that He is still at work in His world today. The first sermon I ever preached was at my home church in 1978. It stands as the worse sermon in recorded history. There were about 35 people present in that country church to hear me. It lasted about 15 minutes. You think I'm bad now, then I was really nervous and an emotional wreck. By the time I was done I felt completely worn out and tired. It was like I had been wrestling with the devil himself. I thought the pastor and the entire church would be extremely disappointed with me. It wasn't very good.

Then the invitation was given and two girls came forward to be saved. It wasn't me. It was the Holy Spirit. They were under so much conviction that they were crying. I thought they were crying because my sermon was so bad. God had worked despite me. That's just a tiny taste of the great power of our God. We need Jesus because no one can do what Jesus can do.

## **3. Because of How Jesus Cares .**

How do we know Jesus cares? We see it 4 ways in this Scripture passage.

**a. His Conversation .**

In verses 4 and 7, Jesus asked that mob a simple question: "Who are you seeking?" Jesus could have squashed them like bugs, but He simply asked them a question. He often comes to us the same way, speaking with the quiet voice of His Holy Spirit, knocking on the door of our hearts, asking profound questions, much like He had asked His disciples throughout His ministry.

**b. His Commitment .**

Jesus was absolutely committed to keep His word. Jesus had essentially told the Father, "I am not going to lose a single person that You have given to me" (John 6:39). And He did. No power in the universe can stop Jesus from keeping His Word. He will always keep His word to you. Jesus was committed to do keep His word. And He was committed to protect His people. That's why in vs. 8 He said: "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way." Jesus protected His disciples that night, and He is protecting us today. If you know Him, if you have trusted Him, if you have received Him as Savior and Lord, the Good Shepherd is going to defend His sheep. Even through the darkest valley. Jesus will lead us safely home.

**c. His Compassion .**

Notice the Lord's compassion starting in verse 10: "Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus."

Try to imagine the pain and the trauma of having your ear cut off. We've all bumped our ear really hard at some point or another. How much more excruciating would it be to have your ear cut-off. Plus the horror of reaching up to find that your ear was gone.

Jesus Christ is filled with compassion, even for His enemies. Poor Malchus with the missing ear surely found out about the Lord's compassion. He cared for His disciples that night. He cared for His enemies that night.

**d. His Cross .**

The cross was the cup Jesus was talking about in verse 11, when He asked, "Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" The cross was the Lord's cup of suffering. A key part of that suffering took place in this same garden starting a few hours before the Lord's arrest (Matthew 26:36-44, Luke 22:44.)

The cross was the Lord's cup of suffering, the cup that was filled with the blackness of our sin. When He died on the cross, Jesus was willing to suffer all of the guilt and shame that belonged to us. So through the cross of Jesus Christ, God is willing to cover and forgive all of our sins. Jesus was our substitute. He took our death, so that we could have His everlasting life by trusting in Him.

How do we know that Jesus cares for us? We see it best in the cross. Just a few hours before Jesus died on the cross for us, He described His loving care with these words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

**Conclusion**

Pastor William Stidger told the story of a man in his church who served in the Navy during World War II. One night, this man was riding the troop transport across the Atlantic, when he noticed the white trail of a torpedo coming toward his ship. His ship was manned by hundreds of soldiers; the potential loss of life would have been devastating.

Nearby, a smaller ship had also seen the torpedo coming. The captain of this smaller vessel guided his ship between the transport and the torpedo. The explosion destroyed the smaller ship, and all those onboard died.

The veteran who told this story to his pastor ended it by saying, "Dr. Stidger, the skipper of that other ship was my best friend." Then he added, "You know, there is a verse in the Bible which has special meaning for me now. It is this: 'Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

You will never have a better friend than Jesus Christ!

-No one knows you like Jesus knows you.

-No one can do what Jesus can do for you.

-And no one cares like Jesus cares for you.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. No matter what you are seeking in life, Jesus is He. Won't you trust Him today?

***Jesus Is He!***

## ***I Am by Jesus***

Hope you've enjoyed and learned from the past sermon series. Here's a recap of the 7 key places where Jesus declared He was *I AM*.

**I AM the Bread of Life;** John 6:35, 41, 48, and 51 - used 4 Times

Here Jesus compares Himself to the Manna that fell from Heaven that God provided for the Hebrews during their time of wandering in the desert.

**I AM the Light of the World;** John 8:12 - used 1 Time

Here Jesus distinguished Himself as the true light, the only light that leads to spiritual truth. His is a light separate from the dark light of man.

**I AM the Door of the Sheep;** John 10:7, 9 - used 2 Times

Here Jesus distinguishes Himself from the false Messiahs of the past. There can only be one true Messiah and Jesus is that person.

**I AM the Good Shepherd;** John 10:11, 14 - used 2 Times

False teachers and false Messiahs are self-serving but Jesus is willing to give Himself for the lives of the sheep as a sacrifice for our sins.

**I AM the Resurrection and the Life;** John 11:25 - used 1 Time

Here Jesus displays His power over life and death not just in the future resurrection of all the Saints but in the present resurrection of Lazarus. Jesus has eternal power over life and death in our here and now.

**I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life;** John 14:6 - used 1 Time

Jesus is our gateway to all things eternal, the gateway to Heaven, the divine Truth of God and the Life eternal that we can begin to live not when we are dead but right now while we live in these bodies. Then when we move from mortal to immortal it will just be a single step in the same direction as Jesus continues to lead us.

**I AM the True Vine;** John 15:1, 5 - used 2 Times

Jesus is telling us that from time to time our faith will be trimmed or cutback in order to prompt us to be more fruitful. The dead wood of the vine is of no use for building it is only good as kindling for a fire. Our life in Christ is to be productive for God's glory not our own.

That's almost a dozen times Jesus referred to Himself using *I AM*. Jesus used these seven examples for teaching lessons in daily living. What have you learned through this process? How can you apply these truths to the daily circumstances of your life?

God Bless You!

*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

Celebration for the Lewis's 2-4 pm at Stoney Creek Inn

Diversicare 2:30 pm

**Wednesday, June 27**

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Kirkpatrick, Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, July 4**

Happy Independence Day!

No Evening Service...6:30 pm

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**June 24 — 70th Anniversary for John and Beverly Lewis and**

**90th Birthday Celebration for John Lewis at Stoney**

**Creek Inn from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**— Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**July 4 — Independence Day!**

**July 15 — Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting at Noon**

**July 16-19— Children's Camp Grand Oaks**

**July 22-26 — Vacation Bible School**

## **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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### **Sunday Nights**

We will not have Sunday night services tonight but join us next week as we will continue our study entitled:

*A Case for Faith* with Lee Strobel. Don't miss it!

### **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray at 6:30 pm and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study.

### **Mark Your Calendars Now!**

♦ **July 16-20**

Children's Camp

♦ **July 22-26**

Vacation Bible School

♦ **August 18**

Men's Conference

Frederick Boulevard

Baptist Church

## ***Vacation Bible School***

July 22-26

Mark your calendar!

Let Ellen know if you are willing to serve and what age group. Be thinking about who you can bring.

**70th Anniversary Celebration for John and Beverly Lewis  
and 90th Birthday Celebration**

**For John Lewis**

**Today, June 24th, from 2-4 pm, Stoney Creek Inn, St. Joseph, MO**

Thank You !

Wow, we can't believe we've already been in PNG for a year and a half. We are so thankful for you? You are an integral part of this ministry. We certainly do not take your sacrifice for granted and neither does God. Thanks for your heart to reach the unreached for Jesus.

Till all know,  
Matt, Karissa, Ty and Wyck

## *For the Record-*

### **Attendance: June 17, 2018**

Sunday School.....17  
Visitors..... 1  
Total.....18  
Contacts Made..... 0  
Morning Worship..... 44  
Sunday Night.....N/A  
Children's Worship .....N/A  
Wednesday Night ..... 9

### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget ..... \$ 2,286.39  
Offering Received ... \$ 977.66  
Long Family - May... \$ 60.00  
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### **Offering Received by Mail:**

### **July Counting Team:**

Fred Kerns and Jordan Lane

### **July Van Driver:**

George Burgess  
Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

### **July Member Birthdays:**

02... Mary Sharp  
05... Kathryn Beavers  
15... Bill Schottel  
17... Betty Anslinger  
20... Dorothy Post  
23... Flora McKahan  
24... Allan Lane  
26... Jack Conard  
26... Annette Schottel  
30... Bill Haskins

### **July Anniversaries:**

**Don and Mary Sharp**

July 3, 1970

**Gary and Sharon Yarbrough**

July 8, 1978

**Don and Marcia Hart**

July 15, 1973

**Larry and Flora McKahan**

July 29, 1966

***Prayer Requests ...***

Annette and David Schottel  
Judy Anderson—hospital  
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings  
Blake Conner—Swymeler’s Grandson  
Mike Green—knee recovery  
Larry McKahan—infection  
Sharri Duty—surgery recovery  
Donna and Bill Dunn—health  
Jack and Flo Conard  
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy’s health  
Arlette Duty—strength  
Gina Harr—strength  
Tammy Panning, Emily Jones & Liam  
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
The Waters Family—guidance  
Stephanie & Jason Terpack  
Shawna Hughes—recovery  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard’s sister  
Mary Sharp’s brother-in-law Jim  
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae’s son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo’s daughter  
LoLeta Middleton—strength  
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson’s sister  
Rev. A. B. Brown     Betty Campbell  
George Ferbert     Kevin Duty  
Nellie Reynolds     Madeline Swink  
Ann Riddle     Don Beavers  
Kathryn Beavers     Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans     Kenny Duty  
Pat Means     Buddy Means  
Bill & Juanita     Debbie Sands  
Pat Puckett     Curtis Conard  
Brenda Burgess     Roscoe Lane  
Carolyn Houts     Tim Izer  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people

**Today’s Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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