The Great I AM Wylie Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Hatcher – June 2, 2024

Exodus 3:9-15

[God said to Moses] 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." 13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites. 'I AM has sent me to you.''' 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

I. GOD IS "I AM"

Exodus 3:14

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2. JESUS IS GOD

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him <u>Immanuel</u>"—which means, "<u>God with us</u>."

<u>John 1:1, 14</u>

I <u>In the beginning was the Word</u> (<u>logos: Jesus</u>), and the Word was <u>with God</u>, and the Word <u>was God</u>. 14 <u>The Word became flesh</u> and made his dwelling among us. <u>We have seen his glory</u>, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<u>Matthew 17:1-8</u>

I After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 <u>There he</u> <u>was transfigured before them</u>. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3-4... 5... a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "<u>This is my Son, whom I love;</u> <u>with him I am well pleased. Listen to him</u>!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<u>John 14:9</u>

Jesus answered: "... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father..."

<u>John 8:57-58</u>

57 "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" 58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "<u>before Abraham was</u> born, <u>I am</u>!"

<u>Mark 14:61-62</u>

61... Again the high priest asked [Jesus], "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "<u>I am</u>," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

3. GOD <u>LOVES</u> YOU. HE IS ALWAYS <u>WITH</u> YOU AND WILL <u>SUSTAIN</u> YOU

Exodus 3:11,12,14

11 But Moses said to God, "<u>Who am I, that I should go</u> to Pharaoh...?" 12 And God said, "<u>I will be with you</u>. 14 ... "<u>I AM WHO I AM</u>. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '<u>I AM</u> has sent me to you.'"

Revelation 4:6

... Day and night [the four living creatures] never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who <u>was</u>, and <u>is</u>, and <u>is to</u> <u>come</u>."