



“I AM HE”

John 18:1-14

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Big Idea: Jesus’ divine nature is self-evident, witnessed by many, and clearly shown even in the “weakness” of his arrest.

John 18:1-11 ESV

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” 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.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

Two aspects of Jesus’ identity rise to the surface in this account:

Jesus’ nature as the “I AM” cannot be ignored. (4-8)

Jesus isn’t needy. He will carry out his plan with or without you. (10-14)

Apply: Who is Jesus to you?
Will you join him in his work?

For next Sunday, read John 18:15-27 “When You’re Tempted to Deny Jesus”