
SERMON NOTES February 28, 2021

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John 18:1-11
The Supremacy of "I Am"
Pastor Mike

I. The meaning of Jesus claim _____

a. The meaning of this claim _____

b. The meaning of this claim _____

c. The meaning of this claim _____

II. Questions at the core of our _____

a. Is God _____ and in _____

b. Is God _____

c. Is God _____

III. Our source of _____

a. God's _____ and sovereign _____

b. God's absolute _____ and total _____

c. God's limitless _____ and _____

IV. What Jesus demonstrated by _____

Closing question

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. In his message Pastor Mike pointed out that in John 18:5-6 when Jesus told the group coming to arrest him “I am he,” the word “he” wasn’t actually in Jesus’ response. He literally told them “I am.” Why is this important to emphasize? What is the significance of Jesus response, “I am?”
2. John 18:6 tells us that when Jesus told this armed crowd who had come to arrest him, I Am, they “*drew back and fell to the ground.*” Why is this detail in this story so important? What does it teach us?
3. In his message Pastor Mike said that there are three questions, or three doubts about God that are at the core of all our doubts and fears. We question and doubt if God is really all knowing and has a plan, if he is really all powerful and in control, and if he is really all loving and committed to us and our welfare.
 - a. Do you agree that these three questions and doubts are at the root of all our fears and doubts? What, if any, fears or doubts come from any other source?
 - b. As you look at your fears and doubts, are they more likely to be rooted in your questioning of God’s knowledge and plan, his power and sovereignty or his love for you?
4. What does this passage teach you about the three big questions which are at the root of all your doubts and fears?
 - a. What does it teach you about God’s knowledge and plan?
 - b. What does it teach you about God’s power and control over events in the world?
 - c. What does it teach you about God’s love for you and commitment to you?
5. This whole scene at first glance seems to picture Jesus’ enemies surprising him and arresting him by overwhelming force. Is that what is happening here?
 - a. How does John teach us about Jesus’ supremacy over everything that is happening?
 - b. If this teaches us not only about what God did, but also about who God is and what God does, then how do you apply the principles of this passage to your life?
6. After Peter took out his sword and attacked one of the people who had come to arrest Jesus, Jesus told him in John 18:11, “*Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?*” What is the cup Jesus was speaking of?