

Source 2026 Week 4:

I AM: Knowing the Real Jesus

Introduction: Jesus' Identity Revealed in John

- Focus on **knowing the real Jesus** as revealed in Scripture, not cultural reinterpretations
- Context: **John chapters 7–10**, where Jesus openly declares who He is

Key Scriptures

- John 7–10 (overall teaching focus)

Festival of Tabernacles: Jesus the Living Water

- Historical and spiritual significance of the **Feast of Booths / Ingathering**
- Water-pouring ceremony as both **remembrance** (wilderness provision) and **anticipation** (Messianic promise)
- Jesus declares Himself as the **source and fulfillment** of God's promised life

Key Scriptures

- Leviticus 23:42–43
- Exodus 17:6
- Numbers 20:11
- Isaiah 12:3
- Isaiah 44:3
- Isaiah 55:1
- Ezekiel 36:25–27
- Ezekiel 47:1–12
- Joel 2:28–29
- Zechariah 14:8, 16–19
- John 7:37–39
- Genesis 1:1–2
- John 4:14

Healing the Blind: Jesus the Light of the World

- Lamp-lighting ceremony during Tabernacles as background
- Light represents **God's presence, guidance, and salvation**
- Jesus claims divine identity and exposes **spiritual blindness**
- True sight comes through **submission to His word**

Key Scriptures

- John 8:12
- John 9:5
- John 9:39–41
- John 8:31–32
- Isaiah 9:2
- Isaiah 42:6–7
- Isaiah 49:6
- Psalm 27:1
- Isaiah 60:19

Feast of Dedication: Jesus the Good Shepherd

- Context of **Hanukkah / Feast of Dedication**
- Jesus identifies Himself as:
 - The **Gate** (only way to salvation)
 - The **Good Shepherd** (who lays down His life)
- Fulfillment of Old Testament promises where **God Himself is the Shepherd**
- Jesus' unity with the Father affirmed

Key Scriptures

- John 10:7–9
- John 10:11
- John 10:22
- John 10:27–30
- Psalm 23
- Ezekiel 34:11–16
- Ezekiel 34:23–24
- Isaiah 40:11
- Psalm 80:1
- Jeremiah 23:1–4

Core Takeaway

- Jesus is:
 - **The Living Water** who satisfies fully
 - **The Light of the World** who reveals truth
 - **The Good Shepherd** who saves and keeps His people