

The Bread of Life

7 Defining “I Am” Statements

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“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or *as* His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?

- Isaiah 40:12 -14

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- But sometimes, there really is only one of a kind...

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- I am what I am
 - Popeye has to introduce himself because there is no one else like him

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“Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

- John 6:32-33

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“Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But you haven’t believed in me even though you have seen me. However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.

For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. For it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day.”

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 - Ulterior motives
 - Popeye's frustration that those who should know him are confused

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- Stay with Jesus and live forever with Him