

Devotion #4- Jesus, the Divine God

In Exodus 3, God speaks to Moses in the midst of a burning bush. Moses is asked to go back to Egypt, the land that he used to live in, and save the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt. Moses asks God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is his name? What shall I say to them?’” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

What did God mean when he said, “I AM WHO I AM?” Essentially, God meant that you cannot describe him in human terms. The only description of “God” is “God.” He cannot be lowered to humanity. He is above everything. He is indescribable. He has always existed and will continue to exist throughout time. He is creator of all things. God is telling Moses that he is the one and only divine God.

Close to 1500 years later, a man walks onto the scene named Jesus, and he claims to be God. John 8:57-59 read, “So the Jews said to him, ‘You are not yet 50 years old, and you have seen Abraham?’” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM.” Therefore, they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out the temple.”

Jesus did not come on the earth as just a mere man. He came on the earth as the divine God, the indescribable creator. He has always existed and will continue to exist throughout time. In his lifetime, Jesus healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and forgave the sins of humanity. Only God could do the things that Jesus did.

Jesus is not just a good person, a wonderful prophet, or an amazing leader. Jesus is the holy and distinct God of the universe. If Jesus is just a man, he could not fix your heart. He could not forgive you of your sins. He could not help you in times of need. When you approach Christ, and ask for his help, you are not asking for the help of just a man. You are asking for help from the God of the universe. You are asking help from one who can give you help. Jesus can save you because he is God.

Questions

1. When God claimed to be, “I AM,” what did he mean?
2. Jesus also claimed to be “I AM.” What was Jesus claiming?
3. Why is it important that Jesus is not just a man, but also God?