

# John 4:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

## Analysis

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Jesus' declaration 'I that speak unto thee am he' (Greek: egō eimi, 'I am') represents His clearest messianic claim thus far in John's Gospel. That He reveals this to a Samaritan woman of questionable character demonstrates the gospel's universality and grace. God's election includes unlikely recipients, confounding human expectations of who deserves revelation.

## Historical Context

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This explicit messianic claim to a Samaritan contrasts with Jesus' usual reticence about messianic titles among Jews. The setting shows that Christ's mission transcended ethnic boundaries from the beginning.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does Christ's self-revelation to this woman teach about God's choice to reveal Himself to unlikely people?
2. How should Christ's 'I am' declaration shape our understanding of His identity and authority?

## Interlinear Text

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λέγει	αὐτῇ	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	Ἐγώ	εἰμι	ὁ	λαλῶν	σοι
<b>saith</b>	<b>unto her</b>	G3588	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>am</b>	G3588	<b>that speak</b>	<b>unto thee</b>
G3004	G846		G2424	G1473	G1510		G2980	G4671

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 8:24** (Parallel theme): I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

**Luke 13:30** (Parallel theme): And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

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