

JESUS IS
Luke 10:21-24

We are currently in a series entitled "Jesus Is" – and every message begins with these words. Last time we saw Jesus Is Both Sovereign and Savior. Other messages include *Jesus Is Love the Way Love Is* and *Jesus Is Just in Judgment*. This message bears the simple title **JESUS IS** because HE IS the Great I Am. Remember when God told Moses to tell Moses that "I Am Who I Am" sent you (Exodus 3:14). This name is the sacred name for God in Hebrew (YHWH) with no vowels and "unpronounceable." We have added vowels in English to transliterate the word as JeHoVaH and we have translated it as the word **LORD** (in all capitals). Jesus tells all the religious people, "Unless you believe that I AM, you will die in your sins." (John 8:34).

Why do people not see Jesus for who He is? Why is there a struggle within one's soul to bow their knee? This text gives us four reasons people refuse to come to Jesus as the Great I Am (God) of the Universe.

I. An exalted view of one's intelligence - "You have hidden this from *the wise and intelligent*" (v. 21).

"God resists the proud; He gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6). Jesus comes in power to the humble. *"Don't be wise in your own eyes"* (Proverbs 3:6). You think you are smart and intelligent? You're blind.

II. The transcendence of God Himself - "No one knows who the Son is except the Father" (v. 22).

All things are upheld by His mighty power" (see Hebrews 1:3), and yet God is upheld by Himself alone. "You thought that I was just like you; I will reprove you " (Ps. 50:21); a mistake that many people make. "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay Him? *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.* To Him is the glory forever!" (Romans 11:33-36).

- A. Who Jesus IS will not be known by religious imagination
- B. Who Jesus IS will not be known by scientific determination
- C. Who Jesus IS will not be known by emotional exhilaration
- D. Who Jesus IS can only be known by Divine revelation

Scriptures reveal Jesus (Luke 24:27). There's nothing wrong with an explanation of revelation, but a rejection of revelation is fatal. "Unless you believe I AM, you'll die in your sins." (Jn. 8:34).

III. The will of Christ to reveal – "No one knows who the Son is, except whom the Son wills..." (v. 22).

This will of Christ? What does that mean? Does Christ not will that all know Him for who He is? "You have hidden these things... Yes, Father, for this was well pleasing in your sight" (v. 21). If Christ chooses to break through the hardheartedness, prideful and rebellious heart of a sinner, He will. And, remember this, "You have not because you ASK NOT" (James 4:2). The effectual fervent prayer of one who is righteous avails much" (James 5:16). Ask Jesus to open eyes, and Jesus will open eyes.

IV. The pride of people – "Many prophets and kings wished to see the things you see" (v. 24).

"Many prophets and kings" are a reference to the Old Testament "false prophets and wicked kings" of the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel, who broke covenant with God, but because of their "pride and position" believed that God owed it to them to deliver the Kingdom to Israel. You will never see "Satan falling like lightning" in your life, and you will never have victory of "serpents and scorpions" until you realize God owes you nothing, but He will bring power to the humble who call! Today, if you will hear His voice, don't harden your heart. Receive Him for JESUS IS – the great I AM.