

**Lyceum 128 - January 8, 2026** – a forum to Think, Discuss, Share, and Learn from one another. Your input is welcomed - Iron sharpens iron.

Neighborhood “The 1826, in Connecticut, a farmer named Josiah Holbrook started a school for ‘the general diffusion of knowledge and raising the moral and intellectual taste’ of Americans. In those days, the opportunities for higher education were limited to those venerable old universities that had long served the upper crust. Holbrook’s vision was to make learning – practical, liberal, and humane – available to working people of all kinds. He named his school the Lyceum, after the garden where Aristotle once taught his students philosophy.... We need to go deeper than the superficial fights that characterize public life. We need to return to the first principles and meet each other there as human beings.” – Nathan Beacom, Plough Magazine, Autumn 2023, p. 9.

The catalyst for this Lyceum is the Resurrection Parish 2026 calendar which lists the “I AM” statements of Jesus as found in the Gospel of John which I will list as they appear in the calendar. I know there are many more names attributed to Jesus which are listed below as well. I am thinking this would make for a New Year’s, no, not resolution but a daily reflection/meditation on a name of Jesus. A name of Jesus a day, may keep temptation away. - Roger J. Vanden Busch

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#### **The Resurrection Calendar**

**I AM who I AM – Exodus 14:3:14** - Our God is a person actively present in our lives, desiring an intimate relationship.

**I AM the Good Shepherd – John 10:14** – He knows, loves, and leads us. He calls us to turn from sin and follow Him.

**I AM the Gate for the Sheep – John 10:7** – He, and He alone, offers us passage not just to life, but to Divine Life in Abundance.

**I AM the Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25** – He invites us to believe in Him, giving us the path through death to eternal life.

**I AM the Light of the World – John 8:12** – Jesus is the light for our darkness of loneliness, uncertainty, and sin.

**I AM the Bread of Life – John 6:35** – He promises that when we come to Him, he will sustain us, so we never hunger or thirst again.

**I AM the Way – John 14:6 – Jesus offers a clear roadmap of Himself. All we need to do is seek, know, and follow him.**

**I AM the Truth – John 14:6 – Jesus gives us unwavering truth of His life and teachings. Jesus is our certainty.**

**I AM the Life – John 14:6 – Jesus is everything we need for a life of meaning and purpose.**

**I AM the True Vine – John 15:1 – We are bound to Him and to each other.**

**But who do you say that I AM? – Mark 8:29 -Who is He in our lives?**

**I AM Emmanuel – Matthew 1:23 – God is with us yesterday, today, and forever!**

**Aside from the familiar “I AM” statements, here are other names attributed to Jesus, used by him, and names that have theologically and biblically evolved.**

**Do you know all these names and titles for Jesus?**

**Jesus.**

**The Hebrew roots of the name Jesus translate into savior. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins," (Matthew 1:21).**

**Christ, the son of the living God.**

**Jesus is known as the son of God, and this title is explicit in the Bible. "Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,'" (Matthew 16:16).**

**The Messiah.**

**The Messiah is the long-awaited savior mentioned in the Old Testament. "He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ)," (John 1:41).**

**The Redeemer.**

**Jesus redeemed humankind from sin. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth," (Job 19:25).**

**Savior.**

**Jesus as the savior is also mentioned in the Bible. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord," (Luke 2:11).**

**The prophet.**

**Jesus prophesized about many things, including being betrayed by one of his disciples, as well as his death. "So, the multitudes said, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee,'" (Matthew 21:11).**

**The Alpha and the Omega.**

**Jesus declares himself as the only way—the beginning and end of everything. "'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End,'" says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty,'" (Revelation 1:8).**

**The image of the invisible God.**

**Jesus was God. He was His image on Earth. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation," (Colossians 1:14–15).**

**Author of eternal salvation.**

**Eternal salvation can only be achieved through Jesus, according to the Bible. "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him," (Hebrews 5:9).**

**The Rock.**

**Jesus is a strong rock one can lean on and trust. "And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ," (1 Corinthians 10:4).**

**Beloved Son.**

**God instructed us to listen to his son. "And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!'" (Luke 9:35).**

**Rabbi.**

**Rabbi means teacher/master, a suitable title for Jesus. "Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered, and said, 'Rabbi, is it I?' He said to him, 'You have said it,' (Matthew 26:25).**

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Isaiah 9:6 mentions several powerful names associated with Jesus. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**The author and finisher of our faith.**

**Like other parts of the Bible mention, Jesus is the way to God. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God," (Hebrews 12:2).**

**High Priest.**

**The High Priest was the head of the Israelite priesthood, so this is quite an important title to associate with Jesus. "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession," (Hebrews 4:14).**

**Mediator.**

**Jesus is the mediator between humankind and God. "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus," (1 Timothy 2:5).**

**Advocate.**

**Those who have sinned can count on Jesus as an advocate. "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous," (1 John 2:1).**

**Lamb of God.**

**Like a lamb, Jesus was sacrificed to save us. "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' (John 1:29).**

**The chief cornerstone.**

**Jesus is the foundation. "Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,'" (1 Peter 2:7).**

**Head of the church.**

**Head of the church is quite a title, but indeed one that has been used to describe Jesus. "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body," (Ephesians 5:23).**

**The Word of God.**

**Jesus is called the Word of God in Revelation 19:13: "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."**

**I am sure this listing is not exhaustive, if you discover any others let me know and I will add them to my listing.**

**St. John Chrysostom placed these words in the mouth of Jesus.**

**“I am father, brother, and husband. I am the house, the garment, the root, the foundation stone. I am whatever you want. If you come to me, you will never lack anything; I am ever ready to be your servant, for I come to serve and not to be served. I am friend, member, head, brother, sister, and mother, I am everything. I have become beggar for you and wanderer for you; I went up to the Cross for you and down into the tomb for you; for you in heaven I pray to the Father and for you I came down on earth as his ambassador. You are everything to me. Brother, co-inheritor, friend, and member. What more do you wish?”**

**Blessing, Health, and Holiness Be upon you and your loved ones. Roger**